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will replace the regular membership meeting for the
month of January. The regular meeting is for a month
will be published in the Bulletin. A special rate of \$10.00
will be provided for the regular meeting. The regular
meeting will be held on March 10 and 11. It is to be ordered
for the Bulletin. A list of the Bulletin about other
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A proposal was made to have a regular meeting at every regular
meeting. Mr. Goldsmith, Mr. Needleman and Mr. O'Brien
will take the necessary arrangements.

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The meeting adjourned at 11:00 o'clock.

Conrad A. Needleman
Secretary

Conrad A. Needleman



Israel Numismatic Society OF ILLINOIS

JANUARY 1973

BULLETIN

430 S. Michigan, Box 118,
Chicago, Illinois, 60605

The forty-fourth general meeting of the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois (INSI) will be held at the

ORCHARD CENTER
8600 Gross Point Road
Skokie, Illinois
Wednesday, January 24, 1973
8:00 P. M.

RECAP OF DECEMBER MEETING: As this meeting had a rather lengthy schedule, President Harry Flower eliminated part of the regular business....He announced the reason for the delay of the IGCMC New Year Tokens but that eventually we would receive them...Orders were taken for the 6th and last of the Lerner 6-Day War medals. Late comers may order from A. Lerner, Box G, Denville, New Jersey, 07834....An Annual INSI Dinner was again briefly discussed. It appears that such an event is possible. Mrs. Peggy Goldsmith will look into possible locations and report to the committee. You will receive more information with this BULLETIN....Club dues for 1973 are now in order. Many members paid their \$5.00 at this meeting. If unable to attend the January meeting, please send check (\$5.00 regular and \$3.00 junior), payable to INSI, to 430 S. Michigan Avenue, Box 118, Chicago, Illinois, 60605. Please pay promptly so that a follow-up statement will not be necessary....Door prizes for members and guests were next. The lucky winners were Mark Stolar, Robert Greenstein, Ernest Levy, Marty Needleman, Elka Geller and Laura Sporn.

The highlight of the evening was our speaker, Dr. Jack P. Cowen. Dr. Cowen's lecture was illustrated by slides. His extensive collection of ancients was brought to us by screen and narration. It was a most interesting presentation of ancient coins. Members and guests want to thank Dr. Cowen for a most interesting and educational course in ancient numismatics. We hope that he will visit with us again in the near future.

GUESTS AND VISITORS: In the past we have stated that guests and visitors are welcome. We just want to repeat that this holds true for any of our meetings. Anyone interested in Israel Coin Collecting, or in Judaic Numismatics in any of its fields, or in any of the allied fields such as Judaic history, archeology, etc. are welcome to attend our meetings.

EXHIBITS: The first exhibitor, Mr. Ben Odesser, displayed 4 medals that were of Judaic interest. 1). A large bronze of "General MERCIER", a 1906 French issue bearing the inscription "Justicier du Traître Dreyfus", issued by the French prosecutor of Alfred Dreyfus. 2). A 40mm. bronze of "HARRY S. TRUMAN Man of the Century" issued by "The Israel Bond Organization, Dec. 10, 1960, McCormick Place, Chicago". 3). A silver medal of "MOSES MENDELSSOHN" by Jacob and Abraham Abramson issued about 1774. 4). A silver medal issued October 27, 1904 by the Rapid Transit Authority of New York Subway, bearing the likenesses of George McCellan, Alex Orr and August Belmont. Mr. Belmont was President of the RTA and was Jewish.

Next, Dr. Morris Goldberg exhibited a page from his Album-Catalogue, JUDAICA, published by the "Judaica Historical Philatelic Society", P.O. Box 484, Cooper Station, New York, New York, 10003. This page bore the Polish Stamps of "Janusz Korczak" and a short biographical history. You will recall that this was the subject of a recent lecture of Mr. Boyer.

The third exhibitor was Dr. Alan Feinberg, who exhibited and told us about two books, both of interest to the collector of ancient coins. These were The Greek and Roman History by O.W. This rare and interesting book was published in London in 1692. The other book Coins of the Roman Empire in the British Museum. Vespasian to Domitian by Harold Mattingly, London, 1966. This volume is a standard for this subject.

Mr. Robert Leonard next exhibited a selection of coins bearing the "Star of David". Three of these coins were from the Litzmannstadt Ghetto, 5, 10, and 20 marks; a set of Israel 1971 coins with the Star of David mint mark; a copper coin of Morocco issued about 1859-1873 (these crude coins with a large "Star of David" have been erroneously attributed to be Judaic by neophyte collectors); a coin of British West Africa also with a large 6-pointed star (not Judaic); and a coin of Travencore (India), (some issues of these 18th and 19th century coins bear a large hexagram or Star of David).

The last exhibitor, Mr. Harry Flower, displayed a new medal, in silver and bronze, of the TOURO SYNAGOGUE in Newport, Rhode Island. This synagogue is the oldest in North America and is the symbol of religious freedom in this country. It was dedicated in 1763 and was designated a National Historic Site in 1946. The congregation was founded by Spanish-Portuguese Jews who came from Curacao in 1658. The medal was issued in honor of the forthcoming Bicentennial Celebration of American Independence and is currently available from "The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue", 85 Touro Street, Newport, Rhode Island, 02840.



In addition to the medals Mr. Flower also displayed and spoke on a facsimile of the original letter written by President George Washington in August, 1790 to the Hebrew Congregation in Newport, R.I., in which he states that"happily the Government of the United States which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance...." This portion of Washington's letter is inscribed on the reverse of the medal.

ELECTION OF 1973 INSI OFFICERS: Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Louis Nagy, read the proposed slate of 1973 officers. President Harry Flower asked for nominations from the floor. None were offered. The following slate was unanimously elected:

- President - Dr. Saul Needleman
- 1st Vice President - Dr. Alan Feinberg
- 2nd Vice President - Mr. Louis Nagy
- Secretary - Mrs. Sondra Needleman
- Treasurer - Mrs. Peggy Goldsmith

Congratulations! We know that all of these people are qualified and dedicated and certainly will do a good job for INSI in 1973. By participating and attending meetings, the membership can make 1973 a very pleasant and meaningful year.

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY: We are pleased to announce that the speaker for January will be

Dr. Alfred Soffer who will speak on "Maimonides". Dr. Soffer is Executive Director of the American College of Chest Physicians and past President of the Israel Medical Society. His interest is in Judaic and Israel medicine, and specifically medicine and the Bible. Come prepared for an interesting evening. To make the meeting more complete, bring an item for exhibit and briefly tell the membership about your possession. The more exhibits, the more interesting and meaningful a coin club meeting can become. *BRING DIRHEM OF SALADIN & DENIER OF RICHARD I + BALDWIN OF JERUSALEM*

FEBRUARY MEETING: Accompanying this BULLETIN is information and a reservation form for the February Dinner meeting to be held on Sunday, February 25 at 6:00 P.M. at Wellers Restaurant, 9001 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove. There is a choice of menu, and the food is not the usual banquet fare. Bring the completed reservation blank to the meeting with your check or if you are unable to attend the January meeting, mail it by the deadline.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE: As this is a milestone in my association with INSI, I would like to elaborate on past events. Prior to our organization, I had been in contact with the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation in regard to a club for the Chicago area. Finally, on October 12, 1969 the Inaugural Meeting was held at the Palmer House. The attendance was about 300 people: the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois was born. Dr. Moshe Davidowitz was appointed Acting President, and I was the Vice President; Mrs. Mary Bell, secretary, and Mrs. Lea Levy was the treasurer. The club got off to a slow start. The first general meeting was held Wednesday, February 19, 1969, about four months later. Meetings were held at the College of Jewish Studies, 72 East 11th Street, and the attendance was usually about 15 people. Meetings were discontinued during the three summer months. We decided to try a location change for meetings. Consequently, the September, 1969 meeting was held at the Bernard Horwich Community Jewish Center. Dr. Davidowitz had sent a letter of resignation (October, 1969), and I became Acting Chairman until elections were held. On January, 1970 the following were elected:

Mr. Harry Flower	President
Dr. Alan Feinberg	Vice President
Mrs. Mary Bell	Secretary
Mrs. Lea Levy	Treasurer

During July 1970, under the chairmanship of Mr. Nathan Eglit, the "Constitution and By-Laws" of INSI drawn up, voted on and approved. In the December 1971 election for the 1972 INSI officers, the same slate was retained, but in addition, Mr. David Silverman was elected to the new office of 2nd Vice President. The appointed Board Members were Mr. Leo Hecht, Mr. Louis Nagy, Mr. Ben Odesser, and later, Dr. Saul Needleman.

Our new location was an improvement — our membership increased; our bulletin gradually developed into a Club News Bulletin; we had our first donated auction; etc.; etc. As our membership increased, our meeting room at the JCC became too small (a larger room was not available). Thanks to Mr. Melvin Greenstein, our 27th general meeting of August 25, 1971 was held at the ORCHARD CENTER, 8600 Gross Point Road in Skokie, which is still our present meeting location.

Election for 1973 INSI officers were held last month. This elected group under the Presidency of Dr. Needleman is very capable and dedicated and will certainly guide our Club to further progress. Of course, I will remain an active member and will automatically be a

member of the Board.

I have attended 43 of the 44 general INSI meetings and have enjoyed all of them. In addition to the benefits of the educational values of the meetings, I have enjoyed the fellowship and relaxation with my fellow INSI members. Most of all, I have made many new friends through this organization — many of them will be life-long friends.

I want to thank the members and officers for a most meaningful and rewarding relationship. I will always remember the period of time when I was your INSI president. Thank you.

— Harry Flower

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A New Year — and a new challenge for INSI! For the first time since the founding of the Club, a new President, new goals and a new road to follow. We've come through our infancy — and a long hard period of development under Harry Flower, the retiring President.

Now we must begin a new phase of growth, adopt a broader spectrum of aims and ideas, and seek new horizons. As the new President of INSI, I will do everything I can to advance the purposes of Judaic numismatics, but I cannot do this without the full active participation of every member of the Club. It is up to each one of us to help the Club grow. Each of you must give what you can through the BULLETIN, new members, annual auction, suggestions for improvement, and most of all, by enjoying every program which you help create. I'll try my best. Can I count on you?

— Dr. Saul Needleman

APPOINTMENTS: Dr. Saul Needleman has made the following appointments for 1973:

Board Members - Ben Odesser, Joe Sporn and Harry Flower

Program Chairman - Joe Sporn

INSI Brief Correspondent - Robert Leonard, Jr.

Bulletin Correspondent - Leo Hecht

Junior Chairman - Robert Greenstein

Membership Chairman - Ben Odesser

Editor of the BULLETIN - Harry Flower

Associate Editor of the BULLETIN - Dr. Alan Feinberg

NOTICE: Israel coins ordered in November have arrived. The order was reduced. Please pick up your coins at this meeting.

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Israel Numismatic Society OF ILLINOIS

FEBRUARY 1973

BULLETIN

430 South Michigan, Box 118
Chicago, Illinois, 60605

The forty-fifth meeting of the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois (INSI) will be held at

WELLER'S

9001 Waukegan Road
Morton Grove, Illinois

Sunday, February 25, 1973
6:00 P.M.

The February meeting will be our first Annual Award (and Installation) Dinner. This dinner meeting will replace the regular Wednesday meeting for February only. The March 28 meeting will take place as usual at the Orchard Center, 8600 Gross Point Road in Skokie.

As President Saul Needleman explained at the January meeting, this dinner will be the first of an annual event for INSL. It is hoped that we can have a dinner meeting for the installation of officers and presentation of awards each January in the future. This dinner is planned to be an evening of socializing, fellowship and, of course, good food. If there are any members who have not sent in their reservations and still would like to participate, please call Mrs. Peggy Goldsmith (673-8514) to make arrangements.

The highlights of the evening will be our guest speaker, Mrs. Grace Grossman, whose subject will be "Introduction to Jewish Art and Symbolism". Mrs. Grossman is curator of the Spertus Museum of Judaica and is therefore highly qualified to speak in this field. I am sure that you will hear a most interesting lecture on the artistic and symbolic aspect of Judaism.

RECAP OF JANUARY MEETING: President Harry Flower opened the meeting, and after a brief address, turned the gavel over to the new President of INSI, Dr. Saul Needleman. After a short acceptance speech Dr. Needleman requested Mrs. Peggy Goldsmith to give the Treasurer's report.....He then announced that the 1972 Hanukka and the 1973 Pidyon HaBen Coins would be distributed to those who had placed orders. As the total order had been reduced by IGCMC, refund checks were given to those members whose order was reduced..... Mrs. Sondra Needleman accepted reservations for the February Dinner.....Dr. Needleman then read the names of his appointees and described their duties.....President Needleman then announced that at the January Board Meeting a proposal was made to create a category of Family Membership. The cost would be \$5.00 for the senior member, and \$1.00 for each additional member over the age of 12. Individual Junior Membership will remain at \$3.00. Children under 12 will be given Honorary Junior Membership. As this proposal requires a change in the Constitution, it is published now in this BULLETIN and will be voted on at a subsequent meeting.

The door prizes were donated by Mr. Louis Nagy (Thanks, Lou) and were won by the

following lucky members and guest: Elya Bresler, Doug Freud, Robert Goldsmith, Elka Geller, Alvin Goldsmith, Steve Lesine and Maxwell Chalmers.

Following the exhibits, Program Chairman Joseph Sporn introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Alfred Soffer. Among his many other honors, Dr. Soffer is Past President of the Israel Medical Society and is an authority on MAIMONIDES, the subject of his talk. Most of us who attended agreed that this lecture was probably the best presentation that we have had to date. We sincerely thank Dr. Soffer for a most outstanding commentary on one of the greatest figures of Jewish history.

After a short question and answer period, the meeting was adjourned. Refreshments were then served. We thank Sondra Needleman and Peggy Goldsmith for being our hostesses.

EXHIBITS: Dr. Alan Feinberg exhibited and briefly spoke on two important books, both authored by Frederic W. Madden. These were The Handbook of Roman Numismatics, London, 1861 and History of Jewish Coinage, London, 1864. Madden's book on Jewish coins is still a classic on this subject although it was originally published in 1864. A revised edition was published as Coins of the Jews in 1903. Due to its rarity and demand, it was reproduced in 1967. If you are unable to obtain the original, this excellent reprint is currently available, and I recommend this volume for your Judaic numismatic library: History of Jewish Coinage, F.W. Madden, Pegasus Publishing Company, San Diego, California, 1967.

The next exhibitor was Mr. Harry Flower. The first part of his exhibit concerned Adolph Zukor, whose 100th birthday was celebrated in Hollywood this month. He gave a brief history of Mr. Zukor, who was founder and president of Paramount Pictures Corporation, and displayed newspaper articles, pictures and medals. The medals were two 38mm. bronzes issued in 1926 to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of Paramount Pictures and a large 80mm. silver-plated piece with the inscription "PARAMOUNT SILVER JUBILEE FOR ADOLPH ZUKOR — 1912 - 1937 — in commemoration of twenty five years of distinguished service to motion pictures". Both medals feature his likeness in the center... The second part of Mr. Flower's display concerned MAIMONIDES, the theme of the evening. These items were a book, Giants of the Spirit by E. Taubenhau, Sinai Publishing House, Tel Aviv, 1962, which contained a colored painting and a chapter on "Rabbenu Moshe Ben Maimon"; a magazine, Medical Judaica, which had an article on Maimonides and a photo of his statue in Cordova, Spain; a bronze and silver medal issued by Presidential Art. This magnificent 50mm. medal is the 5th in a series of "Great Men of Medicine" issued by and available from Presidential Art Medals, Inc., 300 W. National Road, Vandalia, Ohio, 45377. Also displayed was a Masonic medal from the "Maimonides Lodge No. 54" in Israel.



The next exhibitor, Dr. Morris Goldberg, displayed a page from his album issued by "Judaic Historical Philatelic Society — MAIMONIDES (RAMEAM)". In addition to his biography, there were two stamps, one issued by Israel on August 3, 1953, and the other by Spain on April 6, 1957, both featuring a photo of Maimonides. Dr. Goldberg also displayed the silver medal issued by Presidential Art, and also another

silver 39 mm. Maimonides, the 44th in the series, "The Medallic History of the Jewish People" issued by the Jewish Heritage Society, 860 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York, 10017.

Mr. Robert Leonard had a timely and interesting display of three medieval coins that were used during the lifetime of Maimonides. These were (1). billon denier of King Richard I of England (France, Duchy of Poitou, 1189-1196). Maimonides was invited by Richard the Lion-Hearted to come to England, but he declined. (2). billon denier of Baudouin II, III or IV (Kingdom of Jerusalem, 1118-1185). The family of Maimonides lived for a short time in Palestine during this period and probably used this type of coinage. (3). silver dirhem of Salah-ad-Din (Saladin) Damascus Mint for Ayyubid Dominions (Egypt and Syria) 1190 C.E. Maimonides was appointed Court Physician to Saladin and also held the position of NAGID, accredited leader of Egyptian Jewry. He probably used these coins at that time.

OFFICIAL ISRAEL MEDAL IN PLATINUM:



For the first time an Israel State Medal will be struck in platinum. This outstanding piece will be issued in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the State of Israel. It will be 35mm. in diameter and contain an ounce of pure platinum. The price will probably be \$350.00 and will be available in April. There will be 5,000 pieces allocated for North America and Europe, and an additional 2,000 for Israel.

The obverse of the medal will depict the official anniversary emblem and curved below the inscription, "ISRAEL'S 25th ANNIVERSARY". The reverse will portray the 12 signs of the zodiac, as found on a mosaic in a 6th century synagogue discovered in Beit Alfa in northern Israel. The design was chosen by a public committee headed by Professor Yigael Yadin of the Hebrew University.

The choice of platinum rather than gold for this special medal was a courtesy to the collectors of the United States, as U. S. regulations still prohibits ownership of recent gold coins and medals.

In addition, this medal will also be struck in 59mm. bronze and in 45mm. silver. As of this writing, ordering instructions have not arrived. This information will be published as soon as possible.

NEW MEMBERS: We wish to welcome as new members of INSI, Mr. Melvin Karp (#77) and Dr. Herbert A. Lippitz (#78).

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INSI BRIEFS

EARLY JEWISH USES of the STAR OF DAVID DESIGN by Dr. Saul B. Needleman

The hexagram as a symbol of modern Judaism was discussed in a recent issue of the BULLETIN by Ben Odesser. This is an attempt to show early uses and meanings of this design in Judaism of the ancient times.

The Star of David together with certain other geometric patterns had their origin in post-pagan mysticism and astrology. Many early societies had highly developed astrologic rituals (Egyptians, Babylonians, Chinese, Persians, etc.), and this symbol achieved universal usage. It was not restricted to purely Jewish connotations. Nevertheless, even in the days of Solomon, these symbols had acquired special meanings to the Jews. An early Jewish example is a circular design consisting of nine concentric circles which because of prevailing Judaic astronomical symbolism was taken to represent the earth as the central circle surrounded by seven planets and a circle of fixed stars. Later, the stars were joined by straight lines to form the Shield of David design. The Menorah is derived from a linear representation of this same design; the Earth (Shamus) in the center with the other planets distributed on either side.

One of the earliest recorded examples of the use of the star design on seals, to identify Jewish property, occurs in the middle Israelite period (9th - 5th century BCE). The origins of the seals were indicated by the addition of Phoenician, Hebrew or Aramaic inscriptions with the names of the owners. On the door jambs of Tomb I near Beit Librim (3rd - 2nd century BCE) there appears scratched graffiti which include several "pentagrams" and "hexagrams". A Shield of David is scratched as a symbol on the prow of a boat seen on a Jewish grave in Torlonia, the largest of the Roman catacombs.

The six-point rosette is thought to be an ancestor of the Star of David. An old synagogue at Eshtemoa has as a frieze, a series of rosettes and six-point stars, while many synagogues of the 3rd - 4th century CE use the pentagram and hexagram along with fruits of the land and the ethrog and hulav as symbols.

Ancient Jewish amulets (Mezzuzah-like) contain an inscription "in the name of the Seal of Solomon". Jewish oil lamps (2nd century BCE - 6th century CE) show the six-point rosette and the six-point Shield of David together with vines and other harvest motifs or radiant sun.

The star design is used by many unrelated cultural groups and probably stems from the same mystic origins. The design appears on Jewish artifacts as early as the 9th century BCE and over 1600 years is used with harvest and sun-planet connotations. The kabbalistic mysticism of the alchemist gave the star the meaning of primeval matter out of which the element of the philosopher's stone is extracted. By the late 19th century, the Star of David had acquired purely Jewish meanings.

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Israel Numismatic Society OF ILLINOIS

MARCH 1973

BULLETIN

430 South Michigan, Box 118
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The forty-sixth meeting of the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois (INSI) will be held at the

ORCHARD CENTER
8600 Gross Point Road
Skokie, Illinois
Wednesday, March 28, 1973
8:00 P. M.

RECAP OF FEBRUARY MEETING: This was our first annual dinner meeting and by all standards it was a success. Forty members and guests enjoyed a fine dinner and a most interesting program. Thanks are due to Peggy Goldsmith, Sondra Needleman, Alan Feinberg, Cy Lillien and Joseph Sporn. Each person received a numismatic souvenir that was issued by the Israel Government Tourist Office, and every member received the Israel 1973 New Year Token.

President Saul Needleman presented Mr. Harry Flower with the Past President's Medal. This was a very attractive numismatic plaque, made at the Paris Mint, and beautifully inscribed, "Harry Flower/ Founder President/ 1968-1972/ INST". Also, as a complete surprise, the first Medal of Merit. This was a large 68mm. French Medal inscribed, "To Harry Flower/ Outstanding/ Meritorious/ Service/ INSI/ February 25, 1973". Needless to say, Harry Flower is both grateful and proud to be the recipient of these awards.

The highlight of the evening was our speaker, Mrs. Grace Grossman, who is the Curator of the Maurice Spertus Museum of Judaica. Mrs. Grossman's subject was "Jewish Art and Symbolism". By narration and presentation of a set of slides of religious objects, artifacts, coins, medals, etc., she produced a program that was not only artistically meaningful but also educational and cultural. We sincerely thank Mrs. Grossman and hope that she will present us with another of her programs in the future.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our first annual dinner was a happy success. The atmosphere was congenial, the speaker interesting, the food excellent. I'm sure those who could not attend at least joined us in spirit. Special thanks to Peggy Goldsmith, Sondra Needleman, Alan Feinberg, Cy Lillien and Joseph Sporn for handling the arrangements.

The special auction meeting is scheduled for May. It is not too early to arrange for your donated articles. We need good material — even numismatic items. Ask your friends and business associates to donate with you. As a not-for-profit educational corporation, these donations are tax-deductible. The success of INSI depends on your interest in the organization.

ISRAEL'S 25th ANNIVERSARY COINS AND MEDALS AVAILABLE:

Orders for the 1973 Israel 25th Anniversary Mint Sets (as illustrated), consisting of 6 mint-marked trade coins and the official State medals for Israel's 25th Anniversary, in 59mm. bronze and 45mm. silver, will be taken at the March meeting.



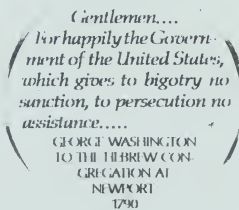
If you wish to place an order through the Club, you must make payment at the March meeting. Please note that for this special set only, the brass 5, 10 and 25 Agorot coins have been replaced by cupro-nickel coins so that all six denominations in the set have a uniform silver-like appearance. Also, on the obverse there has been added the Hebrew inscription, "Israel's 25th Anniversary".

As a special Silver Anniversary gift, the IGCNC will give free a set of 1973 regular trade coins (packaged in a plastic bag) with each purchase of three of the above sets. The medal in platinum will be available at a later date.

YOUR INSI BULLETIN: As your Editor of the BULLETIN, I would like to make a few comments. Dr. Feinberg and I devote a considerable amount of time to the production of this publication. We are trying to make it worthy of our organization, a news bulletin that is as good or better than any other INS publication in the country. Members can cooperate by giving any special item that would be of general interest to BULLETIN correspondent Stewart Koppel. Also, of course, an original article on a Judaic subject should be submitted to INSI BRIEFS correspondent Robert Leonard.

May I also suggest that you save these monthly bulletins. We try to be complete by reporting information on new issues of coins and medals as soon as possible. When important books are displayed, the publisher, date, etc. are given. If private issues of medals or tokens are displayed, we report the names and addresses of the issuing firms or organizations. As a point of information, we have several INSI members, who are unable to attend our meetings and are members only for the purpose of receiving the BULLETIN. Your BULLETIN may come in handy for future reference.

TOURO SYNAGOGUE OF NEWPORT: Your Editor has received a letter from Rabbi Theodore Lewis, Secretary of the National Historic Shrine, regarding their recent medallic issue. As pictured here, these bronze and silver (.999 fine) medals were displayed at our January



meeting. Rabbi Lewis has sent us order blanks, and these will be available at the Speaker's Table. If unable to attend the meeting, you may order from "The Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue", 85 Touro Street, Newport, Rhode Island, 02840. The silver medal is \$15.00, plus \$1.00 postage and handling. The bronze one is \$4.00, plus \$1.00. The set of two is \$20.00, including all charges.

By ordering one or both of these medals, you are not only aiding a worthwhile cause, you are also making a very important addition to your Judaic numismatic collection.

PROGRAM FOR MARCH: Arrangements have been made to have as our speaker, Mr. William K. Beatty, who is Librarian and Professor of Medical Bibliography at Northwestern University Medical School. His topic will be "Some Medical Aspects of Greek and Roman Coins". Mr. Beatty is very knowledgeable on this subject, and his presentation should be both educational and interesting. Please feel free to bring any friends to attend this program.

FUTURE INSI PROGRAMS AND EVENTS: For the April meeting we will have our own Dr. Alan Feinberg who will present a program on "Photography of Coins". The May meeting will be our annual auction. Please start reserving or obtaining items for this event. This year we want quality items that will bring in more revenue for the Club... The June meeting will feature a "Youth Program". This event will be conducted by Robert Greenstein,.....

THE 1973 AINA ISRAEL TOUR: By the time you receive this BULLETIN, the AINA Israel Trip will have been history. Two of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Greenstein were participants. We all hope that they had an enjoyable trip. We will listen with interest to their report at the next meeting.

REMINDER to AINA members to vote for Harry Flower to be a member of the board of AINA.

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INSI BRIEFS

A BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY OF JEWISH NUMISMATICS

by Dr. Alan Feinberg

Part I. Ancient Jewish Coins

A. Historically Important Books - outdated but informative.

1. Cumberland, Richard: An Essay towards the Recovery of the Jewish Measures and Weights, comprehending their Monies; by Help of Ancient Standards, compared with Ours of England. Useful also to State Many of Those of the Greeks and Romans, and the Eastern Nations, London, 1686, 156pp., 1pl.
A valuable early book.
2. Levy, Dr. M. A.: Geschichte der Jüdischen Münzen, Leipzig, 1862, 163pp., ill.
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3. Madden, Frederic W.: History of Jewish Coinage and of Money in the Old and New Testament, London, 1864, reprint 1967, 373pp.
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5. Rafaeli, S.: Matbeoth Hajehudim, Jerusalem, 1913. In Hebrew.
6. Reinach, Theodore: Jewish Coins (trans. by Mary Hill), London, 1903, reprint 1966, 106pp., 12pls.
7. DeSaulcy, F.: Recherches sur la Numismatique Judaïque, Paris, 1854, 192pp., 20pls. In French.
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Israel Numismatic Society OF ILLINOIS

APRIL 1973

BULLETIN

430 S. Michigan, Box 118
Chicago, Illinois, 60605

The forty-seventh general meeting of the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois (INSI) will be held at the

ORCHARD CENTER
8600 Gross Point Road
Skokie, Illinois
Wednesday, April 25, 1973
8:00 P.M.

RECAP OF MARCH MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Saul Needleman. Treasurer Peggy Goldsmith gave her report...Dr. Needleman then spoke of the Club's need for more money and that this deficiency could be solved by a successful donated auction that will take place in May. He is requesting the membership to donate quality items to be auctioned and that the buyers should be generous in their bidding. If you wish, you may bring your donations to the April meeting...Dr. Needleman then informed us that the Library of the Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion, in Cincinnati, Ohio would like our INSI BULLETIN on file with their Judaic periodicals. We were assured that these would be kept safely on file for use of interested persons. To our knowledge our BULLETIN is the only INS bulletin (U.S. and Canada) that is on the periodical list of a major library...A mini-raffle was held for a book on Israeli archaeology. This beautifully illustrated volume was won by lucky Robert Leonard...Mrs. Melvin Greenstein gave a brief talk on one phase of their AINA trip to Israel. She also showed six slides of prominent people who addressed their group in the Kadman Museum in Tel-Aviv. We are looking forward to hearing more about this trip at a future meeting...Mr. Ben Odesser informed the membership of the death of Mr. Henry Blaha. In case you do not remember, Mr. Blaha designed and rolled a supply of 5 Agorot coins for us (see INSI BULLETIN, August 1970) and also spoke at our October 1972 meeting. We were very sorry to hear of his untimely passing, and the Club expressed their sympathy by voting to plant two trees in Israel in his memory...The door prizes were won by the following: George Jaskiewicz, Hyman Siegel, Carl Bisk, and our guest speaker, Mr. Beatty.

The highlight of the evening was, of course, our guest speaker, Mr. William K. Beatty. Mr. Beatty is Professor of Medical Bibliography at Northwestern University Medical School, which accounts for his authoritative talk on "Some Medical Aspects of Greek and Roman Coins". This was our first slide-lecture that featured the medical viewpoint on ancient coins, and we sincerely thank Mr. Beatty for his very interesting and special presentation

After adjournment, the members and guests enjoyed refreshments of coffee, soft drinks, cake and cookies....Treasurer Peggy Goldsmith also took Club orders for the Israel Trade Coin Sets, 25th Anniversary Medals, and the 1973 Independence Day Commemorative Coins.

EXHIBITS: The first exhibitor was Mr. Aaron Kaplan, who displayed and spoke on two replica coins. The first was a replica of an ancient Greek coin (original from 350B.C.) and the second of a Washington Eagle Half Dollar (original made 1792). These interesting pieces were issued by a pharmaceutical firm with a drug advertisement and were of special interest because the reverse bore the trade emblem of the company. This insures that they could never be mistaken for the genuine coins.

Dr. Saul Needleman displayed several items concerning the Touro Synagogue of Newport, R.I. These included the official medal (see INSI BULLETIN, January and March 1973), the official brochure issued by the U.S. Department of Interior, the bulletin of the Newport Historical Society, and the poem by Longfellow, "The Jewish Cemetery at Newport". Among those buried here are some who were important in the history of the synagogue, Aaron Lopez, Moses Seixas and Judah Touro. Dr. Needleman also displayed a coin of Domitian of the Judaea Capta series.

The third exhibitor was Mr. Harry Flower with nine pages from his album, "Paper Money of the Ghettos and Concentration Camps of Nazi Germany". This included a one-page history of Litzmannstadt and a complete set of the paper currency; the history of Theresienstadt and a set of its paper money and a history of Westerbork and the money from this camp. (Buchenwald and Mittelbau will be shown at another meeting).

Robert Greenstein displayed two items that were given to his parents as participants in the recent AINA-Israel Trip. One was a beautiful lucite embedment of the new 1973 Israel Trade Coins. This was inscribed so as to serve as a memento of the trip. The second piece was a special presentation medal, a 35mm. bronze version of the official 25th Anniversary Medal of the State of Israel. This special striking is quite rare, with only a sufficient amount minted to present to tour members. The design is illustrated in the INSI BULLETIN of February and March 1973. This same design medal is available in 59mm. bronze, 45mm. silver and 35mm. platinum. Will Robert display a complete set of four varieties at a subsequent meeting?

The fifth exhibitor and speaker was Mr. Stewart Koppel, who had a gold replica of a "Clark, Gruber and Co." gold piece of 1860. If genuine, this early U.S. private gold issue would be quite valuable, but these are being reproduced and sold for the "real thing". Stewart informed us that a bill is pending in Congress, known as the "Hobby Protection Act", H.R. 4678, that will make it a federal crime (fine up to \$5000.00) to produce these or any other reproductions or fakes without proper identifications. We all should communicate with our congressmen to vote "YES" for passage of this important bill. Thanks, Stewart, for calling this very important matter to our attention.

The last exhibitor was Dr. Alan Feinberg who displayed and spoke on two books from his extensive library. The first was, Daniel to Paul by Hamikra Baolam Publishing House, Ltd., 1962, Tel-Aviv (Printed in Israel with English text). The second book, by Richard Cumberland has the title, An Essay towards the Recovery of the Jewish Measures and Weights, comprehending their Monies; by Help of Ancient Standards, compared with Ours of England, London, 1686.

ISRAEL'S 25th ANNIVERSARY 1973 INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMEMORATIVE COINS: The 25th Anniversary Official Mint Sets and the official medals were illustrated and described in the INSI BULLETIN of February and March, 1973. Information on the 1973 Commemorative Coin arrived too late for inclusion. This beautiful 10 pound coin as illustrated is minted in 900 fine silver, 37mm. in diameter, and weighs 26 grams. Its motif is devoted to Israel's Declaration of Independence. The obverse depicts the final paragraph of the Declaration document, with the signatures of the "founding fathers" of the State; just below in Hebrew is the operational statement of the document, "We hereby proclaim the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine, the State of Israel. The reverse features



Israel's Emblem, the year 1973 and in Hebrew 5733, the face value 10 Israel lirot, and the inscription "Israel's 25th Anniversary" in English, Hebrew and Arabic. There will be 125,000 B. U. struck with a Star of David mint mark and 41,500 proof with a "mem" mark; both types produced by the Government mint in Jerusalem.

If interest is indicated, a second Club order for these coins will be made at the April meeting for those who were not prepared or were absent. It must be emphasized that placing of this order is no assurance that it will be honored.

NEWS OF MEMBERS: We wish to welcome Dave Schechter, No.81, as our newest member.... Dr. Saul Needleman spoke on "The Paper Money Experiment - the U.S. Colonial Currency" at the Chicago Coin Club on April 11 and on April 15 presented a talk at the Oak Park Coin Club on "Jerusalem in Coins".

PROGRAM FOR APRIL: For this month our own Dr. Alan Feinberg will present the program, "Photography of Coins". Not only is Dr. Feinberg a numismatist, he is also known nationally in the photographic field. He is currently President of the Chicago Photographic Collectors Society. We are fortunate in having Dr. Feinberg with his expertise in photography and numismatics as a member of our Club and as our speaker at this meeting.

President - Dr. Saul Needleman

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INSI BRIEFS

A BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY OF JEWISH NUMISMATICS by Dr. Alan Feinberg

Part I. Ancient Jewish Coins (continued from March)

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First four volumes of "Corpus Nummorum Palaestinensium" of the Israel Numismatic Society. The best available for these areas.
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Probable best catalogue for Judea Capta.
22. Head, Barclay V.: Historia Numorum - A Manual of Greek Numismatics, London, 1911, reprint 1967, 1058pp., ill. A combination catalog and history of Greek coinage, incl. Judea and surrounding areas. Not as many illustrations as one would like.
23. Seaby, H. A.: Greek Coins and Their Values, 2nd edition, London, 1966, 218pp., ill., 8 pls.
Best priced catalog of Greek coins, soon to be updated, not complete.
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Best priced catalog of Roman coins, not complete.
25. Sydenham, Edward A.: Historical References on Coins of the Roman Empire from Augustus to Gallienus, London, 1917, reprint 1968, 155pp., ill.
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E. Jewish Coins related to the Bible.

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Israel Numismatic Society OF ILLINOIS

MAY 1973

BULLETIN

430 South Michigan, Box 118
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The forty-eighth general meeting of the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois (INSI) will be held at the

ORCHARD CENTER
8600 Gross Point Road
Skokie, Illinois
Wednesday, May 23, 1973
8:00 P. M.

SPECIAL REMINDER
Our ANNUAL DONATED AUCTION
will take place at this meeting
which will start promptly at 8:00 P. M.

RECAP OF APRIL MEETING: President Saul Needleman opened the meeting....He then gave the Treasurer's report, which was not good. This condition, he explained, can be remedied by a successful donated auction. (More later)....He then read a letter from Mr. Rafael Aldor, who will attend our May meeting....Dr. Needleman then brought up the subject of the feasibility of our own INSI commemorative silver bar, with or without the cooperation of other INS groups. There was some discussion. The matter will be further explored, and a report given at a later meeting....The visitors were then introduced. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Harry X Boosel. Mr. Boosel is a nationally known numismatist, Past President of Chicago Coin Club and Central States Numismatic Association, etc., and the authority on "1873". We hope that all of the visitors enjoyed the evening. They are most welcome to return....Mrs. Pearl Greenstein then gave a very excellent talk and slide program on Masada. Some of the slides were commercial, but most were taken on their recent trip. Her presentation was most interesting and was enjoyed by all present....The Door Prizes were next. Dr. Needleman selected the winners by means of the "bag of pennies" method. There were 24 lucky people.

The speaker of the evening was our own Dr. Alan Feinberg. In addition to being an advanced numismatist with a large numismatic library, he is also an amateur photographer, a collector of cameras and has a library of photography books. Dr. Feinberg is currently President of the Chicago Photographic Collectors Society. To illustrate his talk, he had a large amount of equipment on display. There were about ten cameras, some on tripods, some with special attachments, lens, adaptors, etc. He explained how certain cameras were better than others, depending on just what was to be accomplished. He showed slides of coins in color and passed around enlarged photos of coins and medals. It is beyond the scope of this BULLETIN to give the technical details, but this was an interesting display of photographic equipment and a most interesting set of enlarged photos of coins. This was our first program on "Photography of Coins", and we certainly thank Dr. Feinberg.

EXHIBITS: The first exhibitor was Mr. Harry Flower. He displayed and told the story of a 7" x 9" copy of 1/6th plate daguerreotype of Judah P. Benjamin. This photo was sent to him by Mr. Leo Stashin of New York, a well-known collector and researcher of antique photographs



Mr. Harry Boesel told us about his display, a book PALESTINE ILLUSTRATED by Rev. Samuel Manning, LLD, New York, 1896. This large volume, long out of print and written when Palestine was part of the Ottoman Empire, is fully illustrated and gives a history of the Holy Land.

The third exhibitor, Mrs. Pearl Greenstein, displayed various items pertaining to Masada. These were official Israel Masada Medal; another Masada medal, the 30th in the series "The Medallic History of the Jewish People; a first day cover with an Israel Masada Stamp; and finally, an advertizing folder about Masada. This 2" x 6" folder, distributed by Manischewitz Co. some years ago, is inscribed "MASADA/ROCK OF FAITH FOR PASSOVER". Cemented inside the folder are replicas of a half and a one shekel coin.

Mr. Dave Schecter was the next exhibitor, displaying and speaking on an early German Baptismal Medal. This interesting piece features the typical Judaic ten commandments motif. Mr. Schecter's collecting specialty is coins and medals that are non-Judaic but bear Hebrew letters or other Judaic markings. His collection may be described as a numismatic bridge between Judaism and Christianity.

The fifth exhibitor was Mr. Benjamin Nortman who exhibited a complete set of rare Israel coins. This coin display was the ultimate in Israel coin collecting, and we appreciate Mr. Nortman 'sharing' his collection with us.

The last exhibitor was Mr. Ben Odesser. Ben displayed and spoke on a set of 13 paper notes from Kibbutz Rahama in Israel. Also called "chits" and "tokens" these pieces are current currency at the Kibbutz Rahama store only. Kibbutz money collecting is an interesting branch of Judaic numismatics.

DONATED AUCTION: Again, I want to remind our members of the importance of our ANNUAL DONATED AUCTION. Our dues are insufficient to meet our yearly expenses, and this auction is our principal fund-raising event. We are requesting members and friends of INSI to donate quality items to be auctioned. These items need not be Judaic or numismatic — for example: whiskey or wine, books, pens, artifacts, cameras, ceramic pieces, paintings, prints, etc., etc., etc., and of course, proof sets, coins and medals. Also remember that we are incorporated as a nonprofit organization, and any cash donation is deductible. Above all, come prepared to buy. Be generous in your bidding; it is for the benefit of your Club. Of course,

you may bring your friends or other interested persons. Be prepared for an evening of fun, fellowship and perhaps a new addition for your collection under the master auctionship of Mr. Ben Odesser.

SPECIAL VISITOR: As previously mentioned, Mr. Rafael Aldor, who is the North American Director for the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, will be our visitor at the May meeting. Here is your chance to ask any questions regarding Israel Coins and Medals.

Normally we would devote the entire evening to Mr. Aldor, but there has already been too much publicity for the auction to make a change. President Needleman will start the meeting promptly at 8:00 o'clock, allotting a minimum of time to Club business, so that most of the evening will be divided between Mr. Aldor and the Auction.

INSI PERSONALS: After a long absence, we were happy to see Charter Member Charlotte Nagy at the April meeting. We sincerely hope that Mrs. Nagy will feel well enough to attend our meetings for many years to come. Charlotte, it sure was nice having you with us again.

David Goldberg, son of Dr. Morris Goldberg, has been accepted for the summer youth program at the world famous Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot, Israel. This is a six-week course and was available to only 50 applicants of the English-speaking people of the world. This is indeed an honor, and we of INSI congratulate him and his family and wish him a most successful summer.

As reported in an earlier INSI BULLETIN, member Harry Flower had been nominated as a member to the Board of the American Israel Numismatic Association (AINA). It is now official; he was elected. This is an honor, and he wants to thank all the AINA members who voted for him. At the board meeting held in New York on May 5, 1973, new board member Harry Flower was nominated as a Vice President for AINA, and he was elected. He wants to thank the officers and board members of AINA for this vote of confidence.

NEW MEMBERS: Your INSI continues to grow. We welcome the following new members:

Mrs. Elya Bresler
Mr. Melvin A. Karp
Dr. Herbert A. Lippitz
Mr. George Jaskiewicz (junior member)
Mr. Theodore Rubin
Mr. Benjamin Nortman

GREATER NEW YORK COIN CONVENTION: This event was sponsored by the American Israel Numismatic Association and was held in New York City, May 3, 4, 5 and 6. INSI members Ben Odesser and Harry Flower attended this event. There was an Educational Program, a bourse of 85 dealers, a magnificent exhibit of numismatic material, much of which was of museum quality, a special program by the Judaic Heritage Society, and finally, a banquet that culminated with the presentation of awards. Two of your INSI members entered in the competitive exhibits: Dr. Saul Needleman's 3-case exhibit of "History of the Coins of Jerusalem" won second place in Class III, which was "Coins of the Holyland to 1948", and Harry Flower won first place in Class IV which was "Numismatica Judaica" with his display of "Moses and the Ten Commandments". These two exhibitors are proud of their awards, and these will be displayed at the May meeting.

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Part I. Ancient Jewish Coins (continued from April)

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JUNE 1973

Israel Numismatic Society OF ILLINOIS

BULLETIN

430 South Michigan, Box 118
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The forty-ninth general meeting of the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois (INSI) will be held at the

ORCHARD CENTER
8600 Gross Point Road
Skokie, Illinois
Wednesday, June 27, 1973
8:00 P.M.

RECAP OF MAY MEETING: The meeting was called to order by President Saul Needleman. After a short business session he called on Ben Odesser and Harry Flower for a report of the Greater New York-AINA Coin Convention that they had attended. They both gave a glowing account of a most successful affair.... After the exhibits Dr. Needleman introduced the first of our honored guests, Mr. Morris Bram of New York, President of the American Israel Numismatic Association (AINA). In his talk Mr. Bram gave some statistics of the Convention: 6000 visitors registered, 201 attended the banquet, etc., etc. It was the largest numismatic convention in the country, other than the National ANA. He then announced that arrangements had been made for next year. Again it will be held at the New York Sheraton during May 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1974. He also announced that the next Israel-AINA trip would be held March 4, 1974 for a period of 2 weeks.

Mr. Rafael Aldor, North American Director for the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation addressed our group next. He spoke on the most important subject for us — Israel Coins and Medals. As he is the "head man" for North America, he gave us a true and authentic picture of the Israel coin situation as it is today. He told us of the current "boom" in Israel coins, how the Israeli citizen has discovered coins as an investment. A short time ago 75% of Israel coins were sold in the U.S. and 25% in Israel; now 33% are sold in the U.S., 33% in Israel and 33% in the rest of the world. There are now 60,000 Israel coin collectors in the world, 30,000 in the U.S. and 20,000 in Israel. This explains why recent commemorative issues were in short supply. Near the end of his talk, Mr. Aldor stated that Israel does not plan any special gold or platinum issues in the foreseeable future. Prior to his talk, he had passed around for inspection the one and only specimen of the new Israel 10 pound Independence Day Coin that is in the U.S. (illustrated in INSI BULLETIN, April 1973). At the conclusion of his talk, Mr. Aldor announced that he would donate this piece to our Club to be auctioned. This was a magnificent gesture, and the officers and members of INSI sincerely thank him.

It was an honor and a pleasure to have Mr. Bram and Mr. Aldor as our guests. Both of them are most welcome to attend our meetings any time they are in the Chicago area. We will look forward to their next visit.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Our annual auction under the hammer of Mr. Ben Odesser was the most successful in INSI history. It started off with a "bang"; the 10 pound commemorative coin donated by Mr. Aldor produced some spirited bidding. Mr. Ernest Levy finally became the new owner at \$32.00. We had some good donated items and these brought good bids which under the auctioneering of Ben gave a final tally of \$198.00. The officers want to thank the donors and buyers for their cooperation in this important event. Special thanks to Mr. Ben Odesser, our auctioneer, and to our runners, Bob Greenstein, Ellen Oppenheim and the Goldsmiths. But we aren't out of the woods yet! The present dues plus the auction proceeds are insufficient for the

Club's yearly expenses. At the June 6, 1973 board meeting it was suggested that the regular membership dues be raised to \$6.00, junior members remain at \$3.00, and a new category, mailing members - those residing over 100 miles away, be \$4.00. This will be discussed at a regular meeting.

EXHIBITS: The first exhibitor, Mr. Ben Odesser, spoke about an invitation and program to the "Forty-Fifth Commencement Exercises of the Spertus College of Judaica on Sunday, June 17, 1973 at the Auditorium, 72 East Eleventh Street, Chicago". At this event the degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters, Honoris Causa, will be conferred upon Elie Wiesel, the distinguished Professor of Jewish Studies, City College of New York.

The next exhibitor, Dr. Saul Needleman, spoke on three interesting coins. The first was an example of "Hate Money", also called a "Jew Nickel". This is a United States Buffalo nickel that had been reengraved so that the Indian is a caricature of a Jew, bearded, and wearing a derby. These anti-Semitic pieces vary in workmanship as each are individually made; this specimen has the legend "JEWNITED STATES"...Dr. Needleman also had a 10 mark piece from Litzmannstadt Ghetto and a 2 mark JUSTUS JUDEX 1644 from Denmark. This Danish coin was illustrated in your INSI BULLETIN of March 1971.

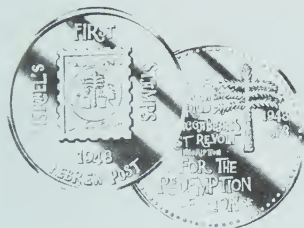
Robert Greenstein had an appropriate exhibit: three varieties of the official 25th Anniversary of Israel Medals. These were the 59mm. bronze, the 45mm. silver, and the rare 35mm. bronze. Only 120 of the 35mm. medal had been struck for the participants of the 1973 AINA-Israel trip. (This medal was illustrated in the INSI BULLETIN of February and March, 1973).

The fourth exhibitor was Mr. Harry Flower who displayed and spoke on various items from the AINA-sponsored Coin Convention, New York, May 3-6, 1973. Among the items were an elongated Lincoln cent and a set of six elongated Israel coins, all with Convention data and the emblem of Israel's 25th Anniversary. There was also the official badge, a beautiful enameled numismatic souvenir of this event. A small quantity of these items remained and may still be available from AINA, P. O. Box 3194, Church Street Station, New York, New York, 10008... Also displayed, the new HAYM SALOMON Bicentennial Medals. These beautiful 2 1/4" silver and bronze matched numbered pieces (No. 7), housed in a special display case, are currently available.

Mr. Robert Leonard had an impressive display, consisting of maps, albums and coins pertaining to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). In November 1966 the FAO proposed that world governments issue special coins illustrating the theme of international food shortages. Most governments responded with special coin issues. These were displayed in the official albums. Also displayed were Israel Coins with Agriculture Motifs. Israel and the United States have not joined this program. Mr. Leonard believes that participation would be good propaganda, and he would like to see Israel represented.

The last exhibitor was Mr. Dave Schechter, who displayed a beautiful silver 37mm. Shekel Medal. (This piece illustrated as No. B21 Plate IV of Shekel Medals and False Shekels by Bruno Kisch, "Historia Judaica", Vol. IV, New York, 1941). This specimen was probably struck in the 19th century and was unusual by the fact that it was larger than average, had a beaded rim on each side, and the center bough had five branches on each side instead of the usual four. We thank Dave for sharing this interesting piece with us. (The obverse and reverse of a Shekel Medal are illustrated in your INSI BULLETIN, August 1970).

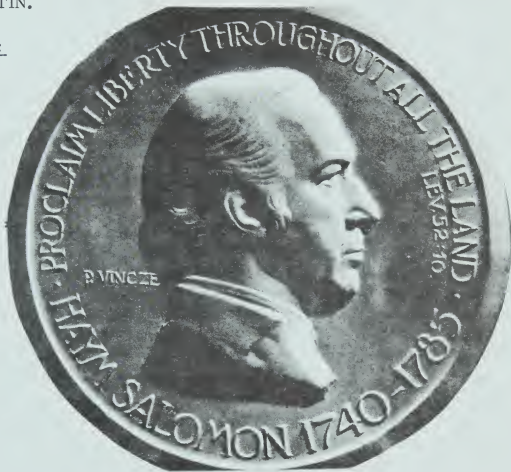
NEW MEDAL SERIES TO HONOR ISRAEL'S 25th ANNIVERSARY: In addition to the Israel Government's 25th Anniversary issues of coins and medals, there are also private numismatic issues commemorating this important event. Among these is the "Series of Nine Medalllic Replicas of Israel's Historic Nine (1948) Stamps". Only 1000 serially numbered sets will be struck and each



will be housed in a permanent presentation case, together with a certificate attesting to the Limited Edition and illustrating the actual nine DOAR IVRI STAMPS. There is no additional cost for the case. The price is \$20.00 for each 39mm. 0.999 fine silver medal or \$180.00 for the complete series. If you did not obtain a brochure at the May meeting, please write to: 25th Anniversary Commemorative Medal Society, Box 75, Riverdale, New York, 10471. Orders for these medals or a request for a brochure may be placed through AINA whose address is elsewhere in this BULLETIN.

HAYM SALOMON BICENTENNIAL MEDAL:

This important medal of the American Bicentennial Series is of interest to the collector of American Historical Medals. It was designed by the world famous medalist Paul Vincze of London and struck by Medallist Art Co. of New York. It was issued by and is available from Judah Magnes Memorial Museum, 2911 Russell St. Berkeley, California, 94705. The obverse of the medal features the American patriot's likeness to the right, curved below his name HAYM SALOMON 1740-1785. Curved above is the biblical quote PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND (Lev. 25:10). This legend expresses what Haym Salomon strived for throughout his life. The reverse features an allegorical figure, representing the character of the American patriots who were ready, not only to proclaim liberty, but to fight for it. The Haym Salomon Bicentennial Medal was struck only in 2 1/4" diameter; 500 numbered pure silver and 1000 numbered bronze. Matched sets in leatherette cases are available.



MAURICE M. GOLD: Maury Gold is known to almost everyone who knows American and Israeli numismatics. He has been a numismatist for 55 years, and currently is President of the Israel Coin Club of L. A., President of the Society of Philatelists and Numismatists. He is a member of the Board of the American Israel Numismatic Association (AINA). Mr. Gould is now a candidate for a member of the Board of the American Numismatic Association (ANA). At a recent INSI board meeting your officers endorsed him and urge all INSI members who are ANA members to vote for him.

PROGRAM FOR JUNE MEETING: The June program will be given by INSI member Robert Greenstein. His subject will be "Modern Coins of Israel: Youth Aliyah". He will stress the youth orientation of certain modern commemorative coins of Israel. Remember that friends and other interested persons are most welcome to attend our meetings.

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A 'SIDELINE' IN JUDAICA

by Dave Schecter

In Europe, Jewish life in the middle ages, and immediately thereafter, was at best a precarious thing. The onset of the "Black Death", the plague that decimated Europe and killed as many as 60% of its population gave the 'medical science' and the Church of the day an opportunity to find a scapegoat, and they used it to the hilt. Jews were blamed for poisoning wells, uttering mysterious incantations, and doing all sorts of things which the superstitious mind of that day deemed malevolent. In the wake of this, the magic word HEP (Jerusalem is fallen) was developed, and under its influence mobs pillaged, raped, and killed a large part of the Jewish population that had managed to survive the Black Death.

On the heels of this came two series of Wars, the so-called Hundred Years War and the Thirty Year War. Also many of the rulers of Europe discovered a new gimmick. Since the uncertainty of their lives had caused the Jews to develop a philosophy of having their assets in relatively liquid condition, what was more natural than to kick them out of the country, leveling an 'exit' tax on them as they did so. This was the situation in Spain, France and Germany. Where could they go, these poor unfortunates who were accused only by their belief in one God and their refusal to believe in the divinity of one of his prophets? They scurried from one hole to another, using their wealth to buy safety, temporary though it might be.

One of the very few countries that offered them a haven was the Kingdom of the Danes, Denmark. Word that Jews could live there in relative freedom flew through the Jewish communities like wildfire, and in the late 1630's and 1640's many of them came to that magic land. Their welcome was cordial since they brought with them not only wealth, but a relatively high degree of education, and a business sagacity of sorts. And then, the King of the Danes, Christian IV (1588-1648) issued a series of coins during the period 1644-48, which have become known as the Justus Judex series. In all, they consist of seven different types, four gold of 2, 1, 1/2 and 1/4 Ducat denomination, and three silver, the 2 marck, 1 marck and 4 skilling. With slight variations the obverses have either the effigy of the King standing or the monogram of Christian IV with his title or the value around the rim. The reverses are more or less alike. On all of them, the words IUSTUS  /UEDEX appear in three lines, with either the date or some other bit of information.

Just as there are different dates and mintmarks, there are several varieties of these coins with the Hebrew letters in differing-type styles. The styling of the third letter, whether it is a dalet, which would make the word Yehudah, or a vav, which would make it Yehova, makes this particular phrase a subject of some slight debate. The writer views it as a dalet although this view is by no means shared by the majority of writers on this subject. And the translation of the Latin to English is also somewhat cryptic. And at this late date one cannot look into the mind of the King of Denmark to know exactly what he intended. Hobson translates it as "The Lord is a Righteous Judge": the writer translates it as (the King) gives justice to the Jews. But be that as it may, this is a most interesting series. While not particularly rare, these coins are by no means common and offer a most interesting sideline to the subject of Judaica.

The friendly attitude of the Danes toward Jews has lasted throughout all this time. When the Germans occupied Denmark during World War II, an order was issued that, effective immediately, all Jews were to wear the yellow Star of David on their chests and/or arms. The following morning the King of Denmark, Christian X, appeared on the street, prominently displaying his own yellow Star of David. Thinking Jews will not forget this ever.

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The fiftieth general meeting of the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois (INSI) will be held at the

ORCHARD CENTER
8600 Gross Point Road
Skokie, Illinois
Wednesday, July 25, 1973
8:00 P. M.

RECAP OF JUNE MEETING: President Saul Needleman opened the meeting at 8:15 P. M. After the Treasurer's report was given, he announced that at a recent INSI Board meeting Mr. Maurice Spertus was elected as an Honorary member of our Society. This honor was bestowed on Mr. Spertus because of his great interest in Judaic activity, because of his sponsorship of institutions such as Spertus College of Judaica and Spertus Museum of Judaica (which has a historical and valuable Judaic medal collection), etc. It will be an honor to have him as a member, and we are looking forward to seeing him at some of our meetings.... In answer to a question, Dr. Needleman announced that the Israel coin order had not yet arrived. It probably will be here for the July meeting.... He then told us about the raffle tickets that were sent to us from AINA, for a trip to Israel. More about this later.... A genuine clay oil lamp from the Middle East was then raffled. The winner was lucky Ben Odesser.... Dr. Needleman then introduced the guests and welcomed them. We hope that they had an enjoyable evening and will return and visit with us again.... The door prizes were then distributed. The lucky winners were Jeffery Lillien, Norbert Jericho, Leo Hecht, Pearl Greenstein, Hyman Siegel, Don Oppenheim and Bernard Stern.... The exhibits were next — then a short recess for refreshments.... Program Chairman Joseph Sporn introduced the speaker of the evening, our own Robert Greenstein. Robert spoke on the Commemorative Coins of Israel. His emphasis was on those issues that were youth-oriented. To support his talk, Robert had a beautiful exhibit of Israel first day covers and the corresponding commemorative coins, each encased in a plastic holder. His outstanding exhibit and interesting lecture made a program that all present enjoyed.

EXHIBITS: The first exhibitor was Mr. Robert Leonard who displayed and spoke on three interesting books that he had inherited from his grandfather. These were (1) Coleman's Historical Text-book and Atlas of Biblical Geography, Philadelphia, 1854, (2) Talmudic and other Legends, L. Weiss, New York, 1888, and (3) Josephus: Antiquities of the Jews and The Jewish War. The title page and the first few pages were missing from this old volume, but it still was a very early edition of the works of Josephus.

The next exhibitor was Mr. Dave Shecter. In keeping with the theme of his article in the INSI BULLETIN of June, 1973, he displayed two of the silver coins of Christian IV, who was King of Denmark at that time. This coin type was illustrated in the article. These interesting coins have been called "Hebrews" due to the large Hebrew word in the center and also the "Justus-Judex" coins due to the two Latin words above and below.

Mr. Harry Flower also exhibited coins of this series. On a page description he had five silver and one gold. The one ducat gold piece is quite rare and is similar to the silver issues. Also displayed with a write-up was an interesting 39mm. pure silver medal, titled "The Rothschilds" "First Banking Dynasty". This attractive medal is number 7 in a series of twelve entitled "Medallic History of Money and Banking". (See illustration.) For a brochure and more information, write to Schulman Coin and Mint, Inc., 25 West 45th Street, New York, New York, 10036. The next item shown was a beautiful 21mm., 14K gold medal or charm. Curved around the rim is the inscription WEST SUBURBAN TEMPLE HAR ZION. Featured in the center are the two scrolls of the Torah, from which emanate rays in all directions. This medal is distributed by the above synagogue located at 1040 North Harlem Avenue, River Forest, Illinois, 60305.



The fourth exhibitor was Junior Member, Jeffery Lillien, who had a most interesting display of "The Coins of the Inquisitioners". This historical display featured coins of the European rulers that allowed or advocated the inquisition against the Jews in the 13th to 15th centuries. Displayed were coins from the following countries and rulers: SPAIN, Ferdinand and Isabella, 1479-1516; PORTUGAL, Manuel I, 1495-1521; PORTUGAL, John III, 1521-1557; ENGLAND, Edward I, 1272-1307; and FRANCE, Philip IV, 1285-1314. The coins of this exhibit represent a very sad and tragic period in Jewish history. This writer wants to congratulate Jeffery on a very meaningful and historical display that involved most of the Jewish people of Europe of that medieval period.

PROGRAM FOR JULY: President Needleman announced that a new and different program would take place the next two months: a membership bourse. At the July and August meetings any member may bring coins, medals, tokens or other items and display them on a table with a selling price. Any other member may buy any lot from the owner. In this manner you can dispose of your duplicates, and the buyer may add to his collection.

This is our first attempt for such an event. It should be a useful program for all parties concerned and probably will be a lot of fun. The Club will furnish forms on which the owner may place his name and the price desired. Remember, you may bring friends. Visitors will be welcomed. Of course, there will be exhibits, and refreshments will be served.

INSI PERSONALS: Member Stewart Koppel has recently returned from a Japanese vacation. We welcome him back and hope to hear a report of his interesting trip.

David Goldberg, son of Dr. Morris Goldberg, has departed for Israel for a summer course at the Weizmann Institute of Science. We wish David a most successful summer and hope

to hear about his experience at a fall meeting.

INSI member, Ned Fishkin, who is an officer in the Chicago Chapter of the Society of Israel Philatelists, has recently taken over the STAMP AND COIN DEPARTMENT of Carson, Pirie, Scott and Company. His department is located in the Wabash Street Building on the ground floor near the BOOK section. We all wish Ned success in his new enterprise. Remember, he will be happy to take care of your numismatic and philatelic needs.

Roselle Odesser, youngest daughter of Ben and Sylvia Odesser, departed on July 2 for a seven week stay in Israel. We wish Roselle a marvelous time and know that this will be an experience that she will never forget.

Mary Bell is now home after a stay in the hospital. We sure were glad to hear that she is feeling better. For the benefit of the new members, Mary is one of the founders of INSI and has membership number 2. She was the Secretary from its inception through 1972. We wish her only the best and hope to see her soon.

IN MEMORIAM: We sadly announce the passing of Dr. Samuel Maurice Feinberg, the father of Dr. Alan Feinberg. Dr. Samuel Feinberg was an internationally known allergist. The INSI membership extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

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by Dr. Alan Feinberg

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Israel Numismatic Society OF ILLINOIS

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BULLETIN

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The fifty-first general meeting of the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois (INSI) will be held at the

ORCHARD CENTER
8600 Gross Point Road
Skokie, Illinois
Wednesday, August 22, 1973
8:00 P. M.

RECAP OF JULY MEETING: President Saul Needleman called the meeting to order at 8:15.... The Treasury report was \$130.00, much of which is already committed.... He then told of a call from Mr. Morris Bram, President of the American Israel Numismatic Association in regard to the possibility of your INSI being the host to the Third Annual A. I. N. A. Convention. As you know, the first convention took place in New York this past May. The second convention will also be in New York in May, 1974, and the third will be in either California or Chicago in May, 1975. As Dr. Needleman pointed out, if we are awarded the convention, it will be a real honor, but a big responsibility and a lot of work. The cooperation of most of our members would be needed.... Due to summer vacations, etc., the attendance at this meeting was smaller than usual. If you are able, be sure to attend the August meeting. There will be an interesting program, exhibits, and of course, refreshments. Friends and visitors are welcome.

PROGRAM FOR AUGUST: Program Chairman Joe Sporn has scheduled a film, "Off the Beaten Track". This is a sound and color movie of the "out of the way" spots in Israel that are missed by many tourists. This is a "different" film and should be very interesting.

PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER: For the September meeting, when the attendance should be high, Dr. Needleman has designated "Membership Bourse Night". At this meeting tables will be set up, and members may bring their duplicate numismatic material, display it on a table with a price and sell it to another member. Most of us have duplicate coins and medals; this will be a good opportunity to dispose of these, and conversely, you may buy items for your collection. The Club will not ask for a commission on any sales: all transactions will be between the seller and buyer. Here is your chance to become a "Coin Dealer" for an evening.

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER: The October meeting will be a "Night of Anecdotes". You, the INSI member, will provide the program by telling an interesting story about your favorite coin, medal or other item in your possession, or how you first got interested in coin collecting. These are to be short, and if you wish, you may bring this item for display. This should be a very interesting evening — why not sign up with Joe Sporn, our Program Chairman, in advance?

25th ANNIVERSARY COINS: The 1973 coin order that was placed by the Club has arrived. Distribution will be made at the August meeting. Those members that had placed an order, please attend so you may receive your coins. As this is the most important issue of the year, we are reproducing part of the official brochure, giving the complete technical and numismatic

information.



DESCRIPTION OF THE COIN

Obverse: The nominal value, 200, 100, 50 and 10 Israel lirot; the official emblem of the State, and in Hebrew, English and Arabic, the inscription: Israel 25th Anniversary and the date 1973, with its equivalent Hebrew date. Designed by Roli, Tel Aviv.

Reverse: Part of Israel's Declaration of Independence bearing the signatures of the founding fathers of the State of Israel, with David Ben-Gurion's signature on the upper right. Underneath, in Hebrew, an excerpt from the Declaration... "We hereby declare the establishment of a Jewish State in Eretz Israel, to be known as the State of Israel..." Designed by Nathan Karp, Jerusalem.

DETAILS OF THE COINS

Face value IL 10/Silver 900/37 mm/26 gr

Set of three (IL 200, 100, 50) Gold 900

IL 200/33 mm/27 g; IL 100/27 mm/13.5 g; IL 50/22 mm/7 g.

Cat. No.	Description	Quantity
C/169	Silver, BU mint mark Star of David	125,000
C/170	Silver, PROOF mint mark 'mem' (מ)	41,500
C/673	Gold, Set of 3 (IL 200, 100, 50) PROOF mint mark 'mem' (מ)	18,750
C/171	Gold (IL 50) PROOF mint mark 'mem' (מ)	12,500
C/172	Gold (IL 100) PROOF mint mark 'mem' (מ)	10,000
IL 100 minted at The Government Mint in Jerusalem.		
IL 200, 100, 50 minted at The Federal Mint, Berne, Switzerland.		

POC MEDALLIONS: These attractive medallions were pictured and described in your INSI BULLETIN of May, 1973. In addition to the gold plated medals, they are also available in silver plated and also as a pin. Your editor will have all types on display of these "Prisoner of Conscience" medallions at the August meeting. Available will be folders and other information material. If unable to attend the meeting, these may be ordered for a \$2.00 donation for each piece. Not only is this a reasonable price for a Judaic numismatic item, but you are contributing to an important cause. The address is: Southern California Council for Soviet Jews, 8640 W. 3rd Street, Los Angeles, California, 90048.

DR. GEORGE FULD PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL: At the August meeting Mr. Harry Flower will exhibit the bronze and silver Dr. George Fuld medals that he recently acquired. These are official medals providing recognition of the term of office of past presidents of the Token and Medal Society (TAMS), as authorized in 1966 by the board of governors. These became available in 1968. Complete sets with photograph, housed in a plush presentation case, is presented to each past president, each set consisting of a gold filled medal, one in fine silver and another in deep chocolate patina bronze. Only one gold specimen is struck for each past president. The silver and bronze varieties were made available to members. Only 100 bronze and 25 pure silver, 0.999 fine, were struck in high relief by Medallic Art Company of New York. This medal was modeled by Don Dow, the well known sculptor of Phoenix, Arizona. A tiny monogram of the letters DD appears on the obverse and reverse. The obverse of the medal features the first TAMS president, his name DR. GEORGE FULD surrounding his likeness. The reverse features the official emblem of TAMS. Curved above "PRESIDENT" and below "1960-1962", the dates of his term of office.

Dr. Fuld was not only one of the founders of this organization, but its first president, and the original editor of the TAMS Journal. He is probably the greatest authority on tokens in the country. He has written numerous articles and several books, usually with the collabor-

oration of his father, Mr. Melvin Fuld. This medal is a welcome addition for those who collect Judaica. A few of the bronze editions are still available from TAMS. For more information write to Clifford Mishler, P.O. Box 316, Iola, Wisconsin, 54945.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: As previously explained by Dr. Needleman, we now have a nonresident or corresponding membership for those who live over 100 miles from Chicago. This class of INSI members have all benefits, such as our BULLETIN, New Year Token, etc., but do not have voting rights. We wish to welcome our first two nonresident members:

Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Ellenbogen
of Brooklyn, New York. Please remember, if at any time you are in the Chicago area, you are most welcome to attend your INSI meeting.

INSI PERSONALS: This is a belated but official "Thank You" to Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Lippitz. They had donated the refreshments for our May meeting, which was appreciated and enjoyed by all present.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Alan Feinberg on the recent marriage of their daughter, Judi to Mr. James Jecmen. Of course, we of INSI wish only the best to the bride and groom.

Dr. and Mrs. Saul Needleman recently returned from a European trip. One of the purposes was to pursue the history of those "Jehova" or "Justus Judex" coins of Denmark and Norway. (See INSI BULLETIN, June 1973.) Dr. Needleman will soon publish his definitive article on this subject. As Mrs. Sondra Needleman said, "There wasn't a coin shop in Amsterdam, Copenhagen or Stockholm that we missed.". We welcome them both back.

We want to congratulate Marty Needleman, son of Dr. and Mrs. Needleman, on his recent graduation from Highland Park High School. Marty will enter Northern Illinois University this fall — his major, astro-physics. (Looks as if we may have another Einstein in the making!).

RAPHAEL ALDOR: We all know Mr. Raphael Aldor, the North American Director of the Israel Coins and Medals Corporation. His term of office has expired, and he has returned to Israel. A farewell dinner was held August 13, 1973 at the New York Sheraton Hotel in his honor. The members and officers of INSI want to thank him for a wonderful past relationship and wish him only the best in his new assignment.

YITZHAK AVNI: The officers and members of INSI wish to convey congratulations and best wishes to the Honorable Yitzhak Avni on his 10th anniversary as Director of the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation. We all know of the tremendous advancement of Israeli numismatics under his directorship and will always remember his visit to our October 1971 meeting.

ATTENTION: SEPTEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE: Due to the fact that the Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashana) is on September 27, and starts on the evening of the 26th, our meeting will take place a week earlier for this month only. Please bear in mind that the INSI meeting NEXT MONTH will be held September 19, 1973.

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SILVER BAR COLLECTING

by Harry Flower

Silver bar or ingot collecting has become very popular since its initial appearance in the late 60's. Interest in this "branch" of numismatics has been phenomenal in the past two years. It has been estimated that there are now 100,000 collectors of these items.

Most of the issues are rectangular in shape, consisting of one Troy ounce of 0.999 fine silver. A few issues are 20 and 25 grams or 1/4, 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 5 and 10 ounces. Most do not have a limit as to the number issued, but some are a "limited" issue and in some cases these have become scarce and now command a high price.

The engravings on these interesting bars are varied to include every conceivable subject. The earlier and more popular subjects are Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas. Other subjects are Banks, Ships, Cars, Presidents, U.S. History, U.S. Historical Sites, U.S. Flags, Cities, Anniversaries, Famous People, Coin Motifs, Zodiac Symbols, and many, many others. Up to the present date, there have been about 200 subjects (excluding Franklin Mint Bank Ingots) issued by about 25 producers.

Only recently within the last few months has there appeared subjects that are of interest to the Judaic collector. To this date, the following five have been noted. For the benefit of Judaic collectors, these are listed below, illustrated and their producers indicated. Your editor would appreciate information of any other issues that are not listed.



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1. "THE JAZZ SINGER" (Al Jolson, 1886-1950) by Washington Mint. This was a limited edition of 2500, each numbered on the edge and boxed. The entire issue was quickly sold out, and they are now scarce.
2. "ISRAEL'S 25th ANNIVERSARY INGOT" by The Silver Mint. This beautiful proof bar is issued in a walnut display case with personalized engraved name plaque. It will only be available through 1973, then the die will be destroyed. This issue is officially authorized by the The State of Israel's 25th Anniversary Committee.
3. "ISRAEL'S 25th ANNIVERSARY 1973" by Mother Lode Mint. This attractive piece is currently available from most dealers.
4. "ISRAEL'S 25th ANNIVERSARY" by United States Silver Corporation, a beautiful piece currently available from most dealers.
5. "ISRAEL'S 25th ANNIVERSARY" (Star of David) by Patrick Mint. This is the first issue of Judaic interest. It is still available but at an increased price.

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Wednesday, September 19, 1973
8:00 P. M.

RECAP OF THE AUGUST MEETING: Due to the absence of President Saul Needleman, First Vice President Alan Feinberg presided. Dr. Feinberg made some announcements, read the communications and then gave the Treasurer's report. He reminded the membership to give information of general interest about Club members to Bob Leonard or Harry Flower for the "INSI PERSONALS" column. He also mentioned that your BULLETIN needs articles of Judaic and numismatic interest. Many of our "INSI BRIEFS" have been nationally reproduced. He then spoke on the program for the September meeting (more at the end of this BULLETIN). When Dr. Feinberg adjourned the meeting, the membership relaxed to a very excellent movie. Program Chairman Joe Sporn had arranged to show "Off the Beaten Track" — an Israeli movie of the "out of the way" places in the Holy Land. It was a very interesting film and was enjoyed by all. Of course, this was followed by refreshments.

EXHIBITS: The exhibits at this meeting were better than usual. We wish to emphasize that exhibiting numismatic and Judaic material at the monthly meetings is an important and interesting part of the program. The first exhibitor was Mr. Benjamin Nortman, who displayed for the first time at our Club, the full set of 50, 100, and 200 pound Israel 25th Anniversary Commemorative Coins. (Illustrated in the INSI BULLETIN, August 1973). He also exhibited a set of Israel commemorative medals, 59mm, that were issued by the Shekel Company of Tel-Aviv. We appreciate Mr. Nortman sharing part of his valuable collection with us.

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This was a large 130mm. bronze designed by William Schiffer and struck by the French mint in Paris in 1970. (Illustration about half size). The official name of the medal is "Le Golem Du Grand Rabbin Löw". It features a large "line-drawing" of the Golem's face; beneath, the inscription "GOLEM PRAGUE XVI". As Dave narrated to us, Rabbi Judah Löw, who died in 1609, was the hero of the Golem Legend of Prague and was a relative of his. The "Golem" has been a favorite topic in Jewish literature and plays. For additional information on this interesting subject, consult any Jewish encyclopedia. The medal may be still available from the French Mint, 11 Quai de Conte, Paris VI, France.



LE GOLEM

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The next exhibitor was Mrs. Peggy Goldsmith, who has recently returned from an Eastern vacation with her family. Among the places that they visited was the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island. (See INSI BULLETIN of January and March, 1973). Among the souvenirs that she exhibited were an official medal, a set of beautiful photographs on post-

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INSI IN "COIN WORLD": Your INSI made COIN WORLD again. (See page 44 of the April 22, 1973 issue). We also want to thank the publishers for sending us a supply of these, which were distributed at the August 22, 1973 meeting. This was the double issue with the special ANA Boston Convention Section.

INSI PERSONALS: We welcome Dr. Margoliash. He and Mrs. Margoliash recently returned from a European trip where he attended several conferences and then had a three week vacation in Israel.

Among the 13,000 visitors to the ANA Convention in Boston were some of our group. They were Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Koppel, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nagy, and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Odesser.

At the national ANA Convention in Boston, INSI member Stewart Koppel entered an exhibit in the Foreign Coin category and won second place. His exhibit was "ISRAEL COMMEMORATIVE COINS". This is indeed a real honor for Stewart and also for your INSI. Congratulations!

INSI officers and members want to extend their congratulations to Mr. Maurice Gould, who was elected to the Board of the American Numismatic Association (ANA). At present "Maury" is also on the board of AINA and is the President of the Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles.

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THE ITALIAN KINGS OF JERUSALEM

By Dave Schechter



In its long history Jerusalem has had many kings. During the First Crusade, practically every boatload of Crusaders that had an independent Duke or Count on it saw the spectacle of the noble jamming his standard into the ground and taking possession of the country in his own name as King of Jerusalem, and then announcing that he was doing this in the "name of God". Things got into a pretty pass since many of these nobles were quite autonomous; but finally in 1099 they got together and elected Godfrey of Bouillon "Protector of the Holy Sepulchre". This made Godfrey the first of the generally recognized Kings of Jerusalem. The line of succession continued with his heirs until 1187 when Salah-ed Din captured the city with his Saracen troops.

But this did not stop Guy of Lusignan from continuing to call himself King of Jerusalem even though his rule continued in absentia from the shores of Europe. In fact, for several years of the Third Crusade there were two Christain knights, each claiming to be the King of Jerusalem; but in 1192 when Jerusalem was taken from the Saracens, a new name came into the act — that of Henry of Champagne, who was elected King of Jerusalem by his fellow Crusaders. For the next 50 years the succession jumped around, and in 1244 when the Crusaders left the Holy Land for the last time, Frederick II, the German Emperor, was "it". Coincidentally with his being King of Jerusalem and Emperor of the Germans, Frederick was also King of Sicily, in all, quite a busy boy.

In 1282 the Spanish House of Aragon took over Sicily, taking with it all the titles and perquisites to which the King of Sicily was entitled, including that of "King of Jerusalem". Thus from 1282 to 1713 the Kings of Spain were also Kings of Jerusalem.

At the treaty of Utrecht in 1713 Spain ceded Sicily to Victor Amadeus, Duke of Savoy, and with the cession went the privilege to declare himself King of Sicily and the right to all the provinces of that Kingship, among which of course was the Kingdom of Jerusalem. King Victor Amadeus didn't waste any time and had coins issued declaring himself VICTOR AMADEUS, D.G. (by the grace of God) SIC (Sicily) IER (Jerusalem) and CYPR (Cyprus) REX (King). This was on the obverse, together with his portrait; on the reverse, since he did not want anyone to forget that this was not all he was, he listed DUX SAB ET MONTISF PRIN PEDE (Duke of Savoy and Montferrat, Prince of Piedmont) since these were his other titles.

From then on, the coinage of all the Dukes of the Italian House of Savoy listed them as Kings of Jerusalem until the unification of Italy in 1861 when Victor Emanuel II relinquished all his other rights in favor of the one, "KING OF ITALY".

Now, Jerusalem was finally freed of Christian Kings.

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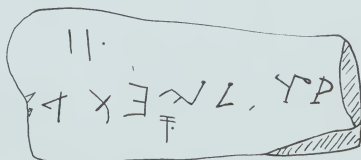
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PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER: Program Chairman Joe Sporn announced that we are again fortunate in having Mr. William A. Pettit. He will speak on "Non-Judaic Coins with Hebrew Inscriptions—An Elaboration". He previously spoke on this fascinating subject but this will contain much new material. We suggest that you definitely attend this meeting, and of course, friends are welcome.

PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER: Our November meeting will be a "special". Honorary Member Maurice Spertus has invited the entire membership to his home in Highland Park for this meeting. He will address us on the subject, "Judaic Symbols Through the Ages". More information will be in your next BULLETIN.

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Facsimile of Bai Creek Inscription

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by Dr. Saul B. Needleman

North and South America was populated by nomads crossing the Bering Straits beginning about 30,000 years ago. There is numismatic and archeologic evidence which suggests that peoples from other civilizations reached these shores independently and by other routes. Pre-Columbian pottery heads from Mesoamerica show marked intermingling of Oriental, African Negro and Caucasian (Mediterranean) population types.

Many writings of Mediterranean cultures describe voyages to a large "continent" to the west of the Pillars of Hercules (Gibraltar). That such voyages were possible has more recently been shown by Thor Heyerdahl (Kon Tiki and Ra expeditions).

Roman and Hebrew contact in America is indicated by the discovery of coins of Antonines and Commodus in Tennessee in 1823, and of Bar Kochba in Kentucky in 1932 (Louisville), 1952 (Clay City), and 1967 (Hopkinsville).

A most interesting find, previously ignored, which establishes Old World contact with America came to light in 1890. A stone, bearing Hebrew inscriptions, was unearthed by archeologists of the Smithsonian Institution from a previously undisturbed burial mound at Bat Creek, Tennessee. A report of this was published by Cyrus Thomas in the Twelfth Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, 1890. The inscription on the stone was published inverted, because the author mistakenly thought it to be archaic Cherokee script. Henriette Mertz, a Chicago patent attorney, correctly recognized the script as being of the Phoenician type, but was able to identify only two letters. Joseph B. Mahan, Jr., Director of Education and Research at the Columbus Museum of Arts and Crafts in Georgia independently recognized the script to be specifically Canaanite and identified the letters to read LYHWD (M). The shape of the Hebrew letters, the inclusion of the consonant W standing for a vowel, and the embellishment of the letters with dots as at the top of the L and Y typifies Hebrew coins of the Bar Kochba period. The inscription has been translated as meaning "for (L) Judaea(ns) (YHWD(M))". Cyrus Gordon suggests that the two letters to the right of the word divider should be read as QS "end". The meaning could then be "end of days" — the termination of the Roman period of destruction, also implying the beginning of the Golden or Messianic Age. Thus, the inscription might read "the Golden Age for the Jews". The aleph below suggests Year 1. An alternative reading gives ZQ, which means "Son of the Star", alluding to the messianic figure expected to inaugurate the Golden Age. The sense of the text would remain essentially unchanged: "Year 1: Messiah of the Jews". The stone might have been left by refugees from Judaea fleeing from the Romans during the Second Revolt (132-135 CE) to a new beginning in America.

Thus, there is evidence that many peoples of many cultures, including the Jews, crossed the Atlantic long before the Vikings in 1000 CE and Columbus in 1492.

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NEW ICGMC DIRECTOR: The new North American Director of the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation is Mr. Nahum H. Hacohen, who is replacing Mr. Raphael Aldor. We of INSI welcome Mr. Hacohen and wish him a successful and rewarding term of office. We also cordially welcome him to visit our club any time he is in the Chicago area.

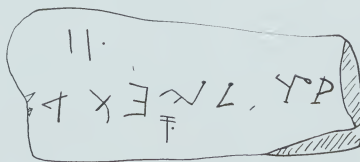
INSI PERSONALS: Dr. Saul Needleman was the feature speaker at the Aurora Coin Club meeting of September 3, 1973. His talk was on "Colonial Paper Money".

Mr. Harry Flower was the speaker of the Chicago Coin Club meeting of September 12, 1973 at the Pick Congress Hotel. His subject was "Gold Throughout Time". Exhibited were 2 cases of gold coins and other gold-related items.

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER: Program Chairman Joe Sporn announced that we are again fortunate in having Mr. William A. Pettit. He will speak on "Non-Judaic Coins with Hebrew Inscriptions—An Elaboration". He previously spoke on this fascinating subject but this will contain much new material. We suggest that you definitely attend this meeting, and of course, friends are welcome.

PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER: Our November meeting will be a "special". Honorary Member Maurice Spertus has invited the entire membership to his home in Highland Park for this meeting. He will address us on the subject, "Judaic Symbols Through the Ages". More information will be in your next BULLETIN.

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Mr. Harry Flower



INSI BRIEFS

THE BAT CREEK STONE

by Dr. Saul B. Needleman

North and South America was populated by nomads crossing the Bering Straits beginning about 30,000 years ago. There is numismatic and archeologic evidence which suggests that peoples from other civilizations reached these shores independently and by other routes. Pre-Columbian pottery heads from Mesoamerica show marked intermingling of Oriental, African Negro and Caucasian (Mediterranean) population types.

Many writings of Mediterranean cultures describe voyages to a large "continent" to the west of the Pillars of Hercules (Gibraltar). That such voyages were possible has more recently been shown by Thor Heyerdahl (Kon Tiki and Ra expeditions).

Roman and Hebrew contact in America is indicated by the discovery of coins of Antonines and Commodus in Tennessee in 1823, and of Bar Kochba in Kentucky in 1932 (Louisville), 1952 (Clay City), and 1967 (Hopkinsville).

A most interesting find, previously ignored, which establishes Old World contact with America came to light in 1890. A stone, bearing Hebrew inscriptions, was unearthed by archeologists of the Smithsonian Institution from a previously undisturbed burial mound at Bat Creek, Tennessee. A report of this was published by Cyrus Thomas in the Twelfth Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, 1890. The inscription on the stone was published inverted, because the author mistakenly thought it to be archaic Cherokee script. Henriette Mertz, a Chicago patent attorney, correctly recognized the script as being of the Phoenician type, but was able to identify only two letters, Joseph B. Mahan, Jr., Director of Education and Research at the Columbus Museum of Arts and Crafts in Georgia independently recognized the script to be specifically Canaanite and identified the letters to read LYHWD (M). The shape of the Hebrew letters, the inclusion of the consonant W standing for a vowel, and the embellishment of the letters with dots as at the top of the L and Y typifies Hebrew coins of the Bar Kochba period. The inscription has been translated as meaning "for (L) Judaea(ns) (YHWD(M))". Cyrus Gordon suggests that the two letters to the right of the word divider should be read as QS "end". The meaning could then be "end of days" — the termination of the Roman period of destruction, also implying the beginning of the Golden or Messianic Age. Thus, the inscription might read "the Golden Age for the Jews". The aleph below suggests Year 1. An alternative reading gives ZQ, which means "Son of the Star", alluding to the messianic figure expected to inaugurate the Golden Age. The sense of the text would remain essentially unchanged: "Year 1: Messiah of the Jews". The stone might have been left by refugees from Judaea fleeing from the Romans during the Second Revolt (132-135 CE) to a new beginning in America.

Thus, there is evidence that many peoples of many cultures, including the Jews, crossed the Atlantic long before the Vikings in 1000 CE and Columbus in 1492.

Bat	Modern	Meshorer Number	Bat	Modern	Meshorer Number
𐤁	𐤁	149, 169, 179-80	𐤀	𐤀	148, 200, 201
𐤂	𐤂	28, 152	𐤃	𐤃	18A, 22, 23
𐤄	𐤄	27, 154	𐤅	𐤅	148, 154, 161
𐤆	𐤆	154	𐤇	𐤇	-
𐤈	𐤈	154, 159	𐤉	𐤉	30

Meshorer coin on which Bat Creek form of letter can be found.



Israel Numismatic Society OF ILLINOIS

NOVEMBER 1973

BULLETIN

430 South Michigan, Box 118
Chicago, Illinois, 60605

The fifty-fourth general meeting of the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois (INSI) will be held at the home of

MR. MAURICE SPERTUS

827 Bob O'Link Road

Highland Park, Illinois

Wednesday, November 28, 1973

8:00 P.M.

As previously announced, Mr. Spertus has invited the entire INSI membership to his home. The officers and members are looking forward to this meeting and sincerely thank him for his gracious invitation. Mr. Spertus will speak to us on "Judaic Symbols Through the Ages". Those who plan to attend, please arrange to arrive on time. (See map below.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Hanukkah will be upon us in a few short weeks — coming at a most crucial time in the brief history of the State of Israel. Let us take a few moments to remember the true meaning of Hanukkah — the rebirth of the Jewish Nation — then, and again now. At the moment of this writing Israel and Egypt have reached a tentative agreement to settle the latest of the Arab-Israel Wars. Let us pray that these negotiations lead to a firm recognition of the right of Israel to exist in peace and fellowship with its Middle East neighbors and with the world community. In the meanwhile let us continue to support the Israeli cause in every way we can.

RECAP OF OCTOBER MEETING: President Saul Needleman opened the meeting and Treasurer Peggy Goldsmith gave her report. Correspondence was read, and several announcements were made. It was noted that several of the Israel Numismatic Society groups had or were planning donated auctions, the proceeds to be given to the Israel Emergency Fund. This will be discussed at the November meeting....Dr. Needleman reported that our Pidyon HaBen set of coins, which the Club has available as a community service, has been sold and that a replacement has been ordered....He also reported that the "Annual Dinner Committee" was in progress and that its decision would be announced soon. Bear in mind, this INSI dinner will be in January. Paid reservations will be accepted at the December meeting....Dr. Needleman then brought up the resolution of the Family Membership, which had been voted by the Board. This was voted on and passed. The dues for this type of INSI membership are \$5.00 for the 1st senior family member, \$3.00 for each additional family member, and \$1.00 for each child over 10 years....The President then appointed a "Nominating Committee for 1974": Harry Flower (Chairman), Sondra Needleman, Dr. Morris Goldberg, Ben Odesser and Norbert Jericho; and an "Awards Committee: Louis Nagy (Chairman), Peggy Goldsmith, Robert Leonard, Henry Jaskiewicz and

Stewart Koppel....Harry Flower then spoke about and took orders for the new Lerner medal. This 32mm, silver proof medal satirizes the Russian policy for the educational tax imposed on Jewish professional people seeking to leave Russia. This medal with information card may be ordered from Mr. A. Lerner, P.O. Box G, Denville, New Jersey, 07834, for \$6.00 each.



We were then informed of the passing of the father of Mr. Melvin Greenstein and also of the father of Mr. Aaron Kaplan. The INSI membership wishes to convey their condolences to these two members and sincere sympathy to the bereaved families.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. William A. Pettit. You will recall that Mr. Pettit spoke to us at our February 1971 meeting on "Hebrew Inscriptions on Non-Judaic Coins". His present talk was a continuation of the earlier one with additional material. It was a most interesting talk and produced some lively discussions. Thanks, Bill, for this second visit. We hope to see and hear you again.

EXHIBITS: The first exhibitor and speaker was Mr. Robert Leonard. Bob gave a very excellent and scholarly talk, with Xerox illustrations, of "The Bat Creek Stone Inscriptions". This talk was an elaboration of Dr. Needleman's article in your INSI BULLETIN of October 1973 and brought out points for and against the thinkings of Cyrus H. Gordon, author of Before Columbus, Crown Publishers, Inc., New York, 1971.

Dr. Morris Goldberg exhibited a most unusual and interesting Judaic item. This was a small locket that contained a complete miniature Bible. This tiny Bible, printed in Hebrew, was over a 100 years old and required a magnifying glass for a person with normal eyesight to read. It was printed with the smallest type that any of us had ever seen.

The third exhibitor was Mr. Harry Flower, who displayed two large 6x9" PNCs. These bore a new 1 1/2" medal, Golda Meir on one side and a 25th Anniversary motif on the other with a complete miniature sheet of the one panel 25th Anniversary Stamp, postmarked in Tel-Aviv-Yofa 14.5.73. These are available with a silver or bronze medal from Post-Marked History, Box 1097, Panama City, Florida, 32401... He also exhibited the 1st Anniversary Commemorative Medal of the INS of Brooklyn. Just issued in 1973, this beautiful 32mm. silver medal was designed by Nathan Sobel of New York and struck by the Franklin Mint... A third item was a recent acquisition, a 66 x 78mm. plaque issued by B'nai B'rith Masonic Lodge of Israel, featuring the Martyrs Forest. This unusual piece is rather scarce.

Mr. Stewart Koppel exhibited a 25th Anniversary PNC issued by the INS of Texas. This attractive cover features a 25 agorot coin within a map of Texas and a 25th Anniversary 1 pound stamp. These are available from Harold Z. Nelkin, P.O. Box 35673, Houston, Texas, 77035.

The last exhibitor was Dr. Saul Needleman, who had two of the latest Judaic silver bars. This rather recent "off-shoot" of numismatics is now very popular, and there are several new issues of Judaic interest. (See INSI BRIEF for an article by Harry Flower in the INSI BULLETIN, August 1973.)

INSI PERSONALS: Dr. Alan Feinberg's, A Basic Bibliography of Jewish Numismatics, that was first published in your INSI BULLETINs of March, April, May and July, 1973, has been republished in THE SHEKEL, Fall 1973 issue. In your editor's opinion this is the best organized, and the first practical bibliography, of Judaic numismatic publications. With the exception of one or two, all of these books are in the library of Dr. Feinberg. As a final note on this subject, Margo Russel, the editor of COIN WORLD, in her address at the AINA-Greater New York Coin Convention that took place this past May in New York, brought out the fact that A Basic Bibliography of Jewish Numismatics by Dr. Feinberg was appearing in the INSI BULLETINs.

At the Aurora Coin Club show that took place November 11, 1973, INSI member Stewart Koppel won First Place for his display of Israel Commemorative Coins.

NEW MEMBERS: Three more people have joined the ranks of the Illinois Numismatic Society of Illinois. We welcome

Mr. Craig Stolar
Mr. Ray Yablun
and Mr. Alan Gaule.

We hope that all of you will attend our meetings and enjoy the educational value and fellowship of our group.

NOVEMBER MEETING REMINDER: This is just a "last minute" reminder that the November meeting will NOT take place at the usual location, but will be at the home of Mr. Maurice Spertus at 827 Bob O'Link Road in Highland Park. This will not be a regular meeting, but a "SPECIAL". Our host, Mr. Spertus, will address us on Judaic symbols, a most interesting subject. I am sure that this meeting will be one of the most significant meetings of the year. The map shown below will be of value for those who are not familiar with the area.



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CURRENCY IN PALESTINE 1912: AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT

by Robert Leonard

Steven Graham, an English vagabond, author and photographer, accompanied the Russian Easter pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 1912 disguised as a Russian peasant and wrote a fascinating account of his experiences in his book, *With the Russian Pilgrims to Jerusalem* (MacMillan and Co., Ltd., London, 1913). Since the pilgrims were, of course, exceedingly anxious to supply them at a profit, there are several references to currency in this book. Those of particular numismatic interest are cited in full. All page numbers given refer to this book.

When the pilgrims arrived at Jaffa, they went immediately to a Greek monastery on a cliff, where they made themselves at home. "As we had nearly all of us Russian money we were pestered by well-dressed money-changers wanting to give us piastres for ten-copeck (kopeck) bits — a disadvantageous exchange,¹ which the peasants nevertheless were generally ready to make. As it turned out, there was little need to change Russian silver at all, for it is taken quite cheerfully by the Arabs, who are ready to quote a price for their wares in any currency, and to change francs, shillings, roubles, liras, what you like." (page 80)

At one ecclesiastical souvenir shop, operated however by a dark Jew (as the author thought) or an Orthodox Christian (as the salesman claimed), Mr. Graham observed a pilgrim buy a large quantity of religious articles on commissions from members of his village. One item requested was a stereoscope with a set of Jerusalem pictures. "As in this shop the pictures were not photographic, but cheap lithographs, the pilgrim was very disappointed... 'It wasn't good enough.'" The salesman, lacking understanding of the pilgrim's reason for rejecting the stereoscope, began reducing the price. "He came down from three roubles fifty copecks to one rouble fifty, and quite unnecessarily showed of how much he would have robbed us." After a purchase of ten thorn crowns, the pilgrim asked for wooden baptism crosses with "bits of the seven sacred woods inlaid".

"Forty copecks," said the salesman. Such goods are sold at five copecks." After some discussion the price was settled at 28 copecks for 28 crosses, the pilgrim being disinclined to haggle over religious articles. A large pilgrim's staff, five funeral shrouds, five black skull-caps embroidered with silver-colored crosses, a sheaf of "hideous oleographs", twenty little manufactured and stamped tablets of Jerusalem earth, and a specially painted ikon of St. Ignatief completed the transaction — all without bargaining. "Then he requested the man to make out a bill and receipt it, and said he would pay. He waved a twenty-five rouble note." The shopman was very reluctant to write out a bill for fear it would be seen by the authorities, "and that how much he had overcharged would be noticed by them." But the pilgrim was firm, so the salesman wrote out the list, the number and the price — but signed only his first name and omitted the name of the shop.

"Again there was trouble over the change, for among the Russian gold was a ten-franc piece which was supposed to be the same as five roubles.² The pilgrim refused the coin; didn't know what it was, but refused it as bad. 'It hadn't got the Tsar's head on,' he said. Affecting to examine the coin in his fingers, the shopman dropped it, and fooling us to the top of his bent, he lisped out, 'Ah! God have mercy!' There lay the yellow gold of the Republique Francaise of 1875,³ and before he picked it up he made the sign of the cross over it."

"At last, with right change, with a bill of a kind, and loaded with purchases, we left the shop." (pages 143-148)

(To be continued next month)

¹ Instead of 10 piastres to the rouble, the official rate (at gold value) was 11.7 to the rouble. Since Palestine was at this time a province of Turkey, Turkish money was, of course, the principal currency. In the Turkish monetary system, 40 paras made 1 piastre, and 100 piastres made 1 lira. The para was too small to coin, the piastre was a small silver coin similar to a U.S. half dime or three cent silver piece, and the lira was a gold coin nearly the size of a British sovereign.

² At this time five roubles was worth \$2.57 but ten francs only \$1.93.

³ None coined this year — 1895? (Friedberg 334, Yeoman 54)



Israel Numismatic Society OF ILLINOIS

DECEMBER 1973

BULLETIN

430 South Michigan, Box 118
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The fifty-fifth general meeting of the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois (INSI) will be held at the

ORCHARD CENTER

8600 Gross Point Road

Skokie, Illinois

Wednesday, December 26, 1973

8:00 P. M.

The December meeting will be an important one: the election of 1974 INSI officers and our Annual Hanukkah Party. There will be exhibits of Judaic numismatic material. If possible, bring items relating to Hanukkah.... There will be door prizes and fun for all. There will be a raffle featuring an ancient oil lamp of the Judean period.... Mrs. Sylvia Odesser and Mrs. Pearl Greenstein will sponsor the refreshments for this meeting. We thank them in advance. (For future meetings anyone may sponsor or two people co-sponsor the cost of the refreshments for a special event of any kind. Please see Peggy Goldsmith for further information.).... We are in need of additional items to donate. Please bring them to the meeting.... The adjoining design in honor of Hanukkah is from the 1971 Franklin Mint greeting card medal.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Last month we were still shocked by the news of the Yom Kippur War, and I announced the INSI "Silent Auction" — voluntary "bids" for the continued life of Israel. Several of you have sent your checks to me — made out to the Israel Emergency Fund. The money will be delivered to the Fund office on 27 December, so there is still time to give your Hanukkah present to Israel. The Peace Conference will have begun by the time you read this but the need will continue for some time. Mail your donations to me or bring it to the meeting.

RECAP OF NOVEMBER MEETING: President Saul Needleman opened the meeting about 8:30. After the Treasurer's report and several announcements, he introduced Mr. Maurice Spertus and turned the meeting over to him. This meeting was one that will be remembered for a long time. Our gracious hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Spertus who were kind enough to invite the entire INSI membership to their home for this meeting.

Mr. Spertus addressed our group and spoke of many things with the general theme being Judaism, Judaica and Judaic art. He mentioned that we don't have to stick to traditional forms in order to express in art Judaic symbolism. He illustrated his discussion by showing a few modern sculpture, several his own, which though somewhat abstract in form clearly illustrated Judaic concepts. It was a most interesting address, ending with the announcement of a new medal to be issued by the Spertus College of Judaica. A model was passed around for examination.... Then refreshments were served in the dining room.

The INSI officers and members want to sincerely thank Mr. and Mrs. Spertus for a most significant and meaningful evening. All of us are grateful to have been guests in their home.

EXHIBITS: As this meeting was at a private home and our coin cases were not available, we did not have the regular monthly exhibits. Nevertheless we did have two brief talks and exhibits. Mr. Robert Leonard exhibited and briefly told us about a most interesting book which was the basis of his article "Currency in Palestine 1912: An Eyewitness Account", which appeared in the INSI BRIEFS, November 1973 and will be concluded in INSI BRIEFS, December 1973. This book was With the Russian Pilgrims to Jerusalem by Steven Graham, MacMillan and Co., Ltd., London, 1913.

The second exhibitor was Dr. Needleman who had a set of 6 pins that are issued to the various grades of Boy Scouts of Israel. These interesting and rather "hard to get" pins were passed around for inspection. Also exhibited was a framed case of the U.S. Jewish Boy Scout Awards. These included the Aleph Award (for Cub Scouts), Ner Tamid Award (religious award for Scouts) and the Shofar Award (for adult Scout leaders).

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Nominating Committee, Harry Flower (chairman), Sondra Needleman, Dr. Morris Goldberg, Ben Odesser and Norbert Jericho, submit the following slate of officers for 1974:

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Treasurer - Mrs. Peggy Goldsmith

The election will be held during the December meeting. Remember, nominations will be accepted from the floor, but be sure that the nominee has indicated his consent to serve.

INSI PERSONALS: INSI members are still having articles appear in numismatic publications. In the November 1973 issue of COINage, pages 70 to 74, is a beautifully illustrated article, "How's Your Counterfeit I.Q.?" by our own Robert D. Leonard. This is a quiz on coin fakes and their makers. This important article should be read and studied by serious coin collectors.

In Seaby's COIN AND MEDAL Bulletin, December 1973 issue appears the major article, "The Jehovah Coins of Denmark" by Saul B. Needleman, Ph.D. In the opinion of your editor this is the most definitive article on this subject that has ever been published. Dr. Needleman went "all out" to obtain the facts. He made a trip to Denmark for "on the spot" information in addition to that obtained by other articles, books and correspondence. This 8-page article on this popular "Judaic" subject is a must for the Judaic collector.

Birthdays and anniversaries are published in the bulletins of many organizations. We have just learned that Ben Odesser, Robert Greenstein, Alvin Goldsmith and Lou Nagy have birthdays in December. Many happy returns!

MEMBERSHIP IN AMERICAN ISRAEL NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION: Many of our INSI members are also members of AINA. We should have 100% membership in this cooperating organization. Two of our members are LIFE MEMBERS of AINA and were showing off their beautiful metallic membership cards at our last meeting. Life membership in AINA is still \$100.00. After January 1, 1974 it will be \$150.00. If interested, send your check to American Israel Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 3194, Church Street Station, New York, New York, 10008. Remember, you must send in your check this month for the old rate.



THE NEW ISRAEL COINS: Information has arrived for a Club order for the new 1973 Hanukkah Coin, BU and proof and the 1974 Pidyon Haben Coins, also BU and proof. Illustrations and technical information are reproduced below:



HANUKKAH 1973/5734

Face value: IL 5 / Silver 500 / Diameter: 34 mm / Weight: 20 g

Catalogue No.	Quantity
C/176 BU, mintmark Star of David	95,000
C/177 Proof, mintmark 'mem' (מ)	45,000

Minted at the Government Mint, Jerusalem.

PIDYON HABEN 1974/5734

Face value: IL 10 / Silver 900 / Diameter: 37 mm / Weight: 26 g

Catalogue No.	Quantity
C/174 BU, mintmark Star of David	to be announced later
C/175 Proof, mintmark 'mem' (מ)	45,000

Minted at the Government Mint, Jerusalem

The price of the Hanukkah Coins is \$5.50 and \$10.50 each; the Pidyon Haben Coins, \$10.00 and \$19.50 each. The latter is also available, 5 BU's in a vinyl case at \$52.50 plus postage and in olive wood case at \$62.50 plus postage. Those members who intend to place an order must make payment at the December meeting. Remember, this will be your only chance to place an order through your Club.

Each order for a proof coin must be accompanied by an order for 2 BU coins.

THE 2nd INSI ANNUAL DINNER: Our second Installation and Awards Dinner will be held Sunday, January 20, 1974 at the HYATT HOUSE HOTEL, 4500 Touhy Avenue (corner of Lincoln and Touhy in Lincolnwood) at 6:00 P.M. The menu will be Fish @ \$8.45 and Chicken @ \$7.54. These prices include tax and gratuity. Please send your check, payable to INSI to Peggy Goldsmith, 4305 W. Howard Street, Skokie, Illinois, 60076 (Phone 673-8514). The final deadline for reservations will be at our December meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting, be sure and mail your check to Peggy as soon as possible.

ERRATUM: INSI BULLETIN, November 1973, page 4, INSI BRIEFS' article by Robert Leonard "Currency in Palestine 1912: An Eyewitness Account", paragraph 1. Apologies to the author. The first paragraph should read as follows:

"Steven Graham, an English vagabond, author and photographer, accompanied the Russian Easter pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 1912 disguised as a Russian peasant and wrote a fascinating account of his experiences in his book With the Russian Pilgrims to Jerusalem (MacMillan and Co., Ltd., London, 1913). Since the pilgrims were of course exceedingly eager for souvenirs of their once-in-a-lifetime journey, and the natives of Palestine equally anxious to supply them at a profit, there are several references to currency in this book. Those of particular numismatic interest are cited in full. All page numbers given refer to this book."

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CURRENCY IN PALESTINE 1912: AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT (continued)

by Robert Leonard

The Russian monks in Jerusalem were also quite willing to take Russian money, as might be expected. In the cell of one hermit near Herod's wall, Mr. Graham saw "a notice which reminded me of the evils of degenerate ecclesiasticism. It was a tariff for prayers:—

For eternal memory in the Monastery, every day for ever 30 roubles
For eternal memory once a week.....10 roubles
For eternal memory once a year..... 5 roubles
For a lamp to be lit that shall never be put out.....100 roubles

And I thought, 'This won't do at all. To write down a thing like this is obviously simony; even taking money when there is no definite undertaking is a delicate matter, but this is depravity.' Yet before I left Jerusalem I saw such a notice in print, and I know it has been circulated broadcast." (page 159)

But most of the pilgrims did not see things the way Mr. Graham did, and subscribed liberally for prayers for their families and acquaintances. The monasteries gave them free food and lodging on their journeys, and they knew the monks had to eat somehow. At the monastery of St. Guerassim in the desert, near where the Jordan River flows into the Dead Sea, "there were three monks busy writing in ancient over-scrawled registers as fast as the peasants could call out the names. The room was packed." One pilgrim alone paid out two roubles from money he had been commissioned by members of his village to spend for this purpose. (pages 197 and 198) Bethlehem was another popular location for prayer subscriptions. A boy from the "top" of the Ural, 500 versts north of Orenberg, "went there with 'five roubles from people in his village to give to the monks there," (pages 67 and 257)

Mr. Graham's personal contributions, however, were limited to one "commercial monk" who sneaked in to the Russian hostelry whenever the keeper wasn't looking (monks were not allowed in the hostelry (for this reason?); there was a special house for them).

"You have a list of souls from Russia, no doubt," said he. 'Give it to me and let our brotherhood pray for them. So you will enable us to build our monastery of St. Joachim in the Desert.'

"No souls," said I lazily, handing him a piastre, for I knew it was money he wanted.

"Why so little?" said he in an authoritative, angry tone like a Russian official to a peasant. 'That is not enough. Give me more!'

"I put my hand out and took the piastre back laconically."

The monk waited but Mr. Graham did not give him any more money. Finally he demanded the piastre back. While they were arguing, "he caught sight of the keeper, and bobbed round a corner very unceremoniously and disappeared." (pages 260 and 261)

A somewhat similar incident occurred Holy Thursday, March 22, 1912. Many pilgrims had been given good seats to watch the rite of the Patriarch of Jerusalem washing the feet of twelve of his clergy at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. "What was their astonishment when after the service they were confronted by a military-looking Greek monk who suddenly called out, 'Get your money ready.' Poor mouzhiks (peasants), they had each to pay a rouble for a compulsory blessing." (page 262)

Most of the pilgrims were poor and could ill-afford to pay even an extra rouble unexpectedly, but there were a few exceptions. The overseer of the Russian hostelry told Mr. Graham of a mad-woman who had died there the year before in one of the small rooms. "She had locked herself in and no one could get to her for a long time. When the door was forced the baba was found dead. She had died of starvation. And of how much money do you think she died possessed? You'd never guess.... five thousand piastres. There was a whole pailful of Turkish ha'pennies⁴ alone." (page 263)

This widespread circulation of Russian currency (and that of other nations) alongside the official Turkish money is not usually emphasized in accounts of the currency of Palestine. Today it is Jews, not Christian peasants, who arrive from Russia — though their joy is scarcely less than that of the pilgrims of old — but they come to a land which is no stranger to things Russian.

⁴Probably the 10 para billon (Yeoman 25), but possibly the old 10 para copper of 1864 (Yeoman 5); unfortunately for numismatics, Mr. Graham has converted the actual coins mentioned by the overseer to "ha'pennies" for the benefit of his English readers.